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Chinese Carrying Out Strategic Retreat On Exposed Battle Front

JAPANESE SEEK TO BREAK STIFF MORALE OF CRACK DIVISIONS GUARDING TAZANG, CHENJU

TWO WARSHIPS DAMAGED IN RAIDS OFF WOOSUNG FORT

ACCORDING TO REUTER MESSAGES FROM SHANGHAI, CHINESE HIDDEN GUNS NEAR THE NORTH STATION ARE HEAVILY BOMBARDING JAPANESE IN HONGKWEI WITHOUT REPLY. DECISIVE DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. CHINESE CONTEND ANY WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR TROOPS IS MERELY PART OF A REDISPOSITIONING PLAN.

Shanghai, Aug. 26 (9.30 a.m.).

Japanese warships in the lower Whangpoo opened a terrific bombardment of Chapei, Kiangwan and Tazang this morning, with their heaviest guns, covering the Japanese infantry advance from Woosung. Chinese batteries in Chapei are occasionally shelling Hongkew, where the Japanese launched an offensive at mid-night.

The combined rattles of machine-guns massed along the flame-fringed northern boundary of Shanghai swelled to a roar when the attack commenced, which grenades punctuated. Tanks pushed through the debris of battle and engaged any enemy they sighted.

Then, about 3.30 a.m. there was a brief lull in hostilities in the Shanghai area. Even the Japanese naval bombardment of near-by districts subsided. At approximately 5 a.m., however, the warships intensified their bombardment of Chapei, Kiangwan and Tazang, where they are attempting to break the stiff morale of crack Chinese troops through aerial bombing all day and shelling all night.

Chinese batteries which earlier had been shelling Hongkew were silent during the Japanese lull, but they too clamoured again when the bombardment reopened. Flames are shooting into the sky two-thirds of the length of Hongkew's northern boundary and curving north into the Yangtsepo district.

CLAIM WARSHIPS HIT

According to a Central News despatch, the United States Embassy has denied that two American warships are lying in Paochen Harbour, off Tsungming Island, in response to a query from the Nanking Foreign Office. On learning this, the Chinese claimed that two damaged Japanese warships at this point were flying the American flag to hide their identity.

Commence Retirement

Shanghai, Aug. 20 (3.44 a.m.). A high official of the Chinese Government told Reuter to-day had some of the Chinese troops to-day had already begun to withdraw a certain distance from the North Station sector, for tactical reasons.

The official explained that this line would change its position at certain points, though the North Station itself is still held by Chinese troops.

It is authoritatively stated that the crack troops of the First Division manning the positions north of Soo-

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CHINESE COMMANDERS AT WORK.



Here are three officers of the 88th Division of the Chinese Army engaged in the Japanese forces in the hostilities in Shanghai. They seem carefully studying a map with reference to their troop movements in the Yangtsepo district.

LONDON DENIES EVACUATION OF S'HAI PLANNED

Britain Will Guard All Her Interests And Her Nationals

London, Aug. 25.

At their meetings to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, and Lord Halifax, Lord President of the Council and leader in the House of Lords, at which they considered the Far Eastern situation, the British leaders endorsed the position already taken and especially reaffirmed the Government attitude that all practicable measures should be taken to protect British lives and property in Shanghai.

This is the gist of a communiqué issued from the Foreign Office to-night.

There is no truth in the report that the Government is contemplating a policy of evacuation, the communiqué adds. The Government intends to persist in its efforts to secure exclusion of Shanghai from the area of hostilities.

It will be remembered, the communiqué continues, that both the Chinese and Japanese Governments have been notified that His Majesty's Government reserves its right to hold them responsible for damage or loss of British life or property resulting from the actions of Chinese and Japanese forces in the course of the present hostilities in China. Protests have been addressed to the Japanese Government concerning the occupation of British properties in the International Settlement by Japanese forces and warning that compensation for the occupation and for any loss or damage to such properties will be claimed.

The Government shares the anxiety of the United States regarding the damage in the Far East generally in the present fighting and welcomes Mr. Cordell Hull's appeal to both sides to cease hostilities.

The Ministers observe with satisfaction the close collaboration maintained with other Governments, especially the American and French, and regards it as important that such collaboration continue.—Reuter.

Long Conference

London, Aug. 25.

The Prime Minister to-day conferred with Mr. Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax for two and a half hours and later in the afternoon met these ministers a second time, their subjects being the Far Eastern situation and the protection of British shipping in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Chamberlain is returning to Scotland to-night.

Regarding the increasing number of attacks on British shipping in the Mediterranean, the Government pro-

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BATTLES RAGE OVER WIDENING NORTHERN AREA

Heavy Fighting Near Peiping, Tientsin

COLUMN NEARS REAR OF NANKOW DEFENCES

Tientsin, Aug. 26.

The Japanese now officially claim to have captured Kalgan and Huailai, north-west of Nankow Pass.

This means that the troops of the Dolonor column are cutting in behind the 50,000 Chinese who are defending the Nankow Pass against a powerful Japanese thrust from the direction of Peiping. There has been severe fighting in this area.

Meanwhile, fighting is raging around Peiping. According to reports reaching here, after two days' bombardment the Japanese claim to have captured two hills, within 15 miles of Peiping, which Chinese held tenaciously.

The Japanese in the Peiping sector are attacking two Chinese divisions which are threatening their right flank.

The country around Peiping is infested with "raiders" against whom the Japanese are conducting a "mopping up" campaign. Firing can be heard in all directions outside the city walls at night.

The British and American Embassies have again drawn the attention of the Japanese Government to the tendency of its troops to use the diplomatic quarters of Peiping as a base of operations.

The Japanese military authorities are still impressing labour, commanding transport and requisitioning supplies. Searches of Chinese premises and arrests of Chinese suspected as actively antagonistic still continue.—Reuter.

Powerful Armies Opposed

Tientsin, Aug. 25. (8.10 a.m.)

Severe fighting is continuing at Chinghai, south of Tientsin.

The Japanese claim they have six divisions, or 130,000 men in the Peiping-Tientsin area, and that they have not yet completed their concentration, as troops are still pouring in by land and sea.

The Chinese forces total about 10 divisions in the same area, or 190,000, of which eight divisions are believed to be Central Government troops.—Reuter.

Tsingtao Tension

Tsingtao, Aug. 26.

Efforts towards securing withdrawal of San Fu-chu's troops apparently having failed, the Japanese here have been advised to evacuate.—United Press.

Japanese Claims

Tientsin, Aug. 26.

The Japanese claim the occupation of Kalgan, Huailai and Pataling, following the dramatic appearance of units of the Kwantung Army in the rear of the Chinese troops at Hankow, who are now alleged to be bottled up.

The Japanese also claim to have scattered Chinese troops marching from Liangjiang, south-west of Peiping, to join up with the defenders of Nankow.—Reuter.

BRIEF CABLE DELAY

It is learned that Eastern Extension's cable communication with Shanghai was put out of commission for an hour during the night owing to interference at the Northern port. The defect was soon remedied and the line is now working perfectly normally, cables being transmitted directly and immediately between the two ports.

U.S. Selling War Planes To Chinese

Twenty Bellanca On The Way

Neutrality Bill Called "A" Joke

New York, Aug. 25.

Twenty Bellanca aeroplanes, designed for either military or civil use, are being shipped to China aboard the motor ship Wichita, it is announced to-day.

These are the same planes previously reported sold to Air France, the purchase of which company has since disavowed, following reports that they were destined for the Spanish Loyalists. They are single-engined monoplanes, with a top speed of 280 miles per hour.

Later.

Nineteen Bellanca monoplanes have been actually shipped aboard the Wichita for China. The twentieth is reported to be held in the United

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RETAIL TRADE

London, Aug. 25.

The value of retail trade in July was 8.1 per cent. greater than the year earlier. The value of stocks was 5 per cent. higher and employment was 3 per cent. greater.

"CHINA DETERMINED TO BE RID OF OPIUM SCOURGE"

Mission To Study Colony Monopoly

CONCESSIONS HINDER PLAN

"THE Nanking Government is determined to rid China of the scourge of opium, but it is proving an anxious and difficult task," declared Mr. F. S. Chien to the *Straits Times* last week, when he arrived from China by the P. and O. liner *Kaiser-i-Hind* with another China Government representative, Mr. F. S. Yu, to study the opium monopoly in Singapore.

"China's six-year plan to wipe out opium smoking still has 3½ years to run," added Mr. Chien. "Frankly we are not making much headway and that is why we are getting anxious: time is getting short and we want to find the quickest way to accomplish our work."

Death For 1,300 Drug Peddlars

"We are particularly anxious to see in operation the Singapore opium factory which is a Government monopoly."

"In China the Government does not manufacture opium although it distributes it to registered smokers. The aim is to reduce the number of smokers and the amount of opium per smoker until, in a few years none remain."

IN EARNEST

Mr. Chien said the Central Government was in deadly earnest in its desire to suppress the opium evil. However, international co-operation was essential. Some of the foreign concessions were a difficulty, as they harboured smugglers.

"There are actually factories for the manufacture of morphine in some of the foreign concessions," said Mr. Chien.

"China appreciate the assistance Great Britain has given in checking the traffic in opium and narcotics. By stopping entirely the export of opium from India to China Great Britain has made amends for circumstances which caused the 'Opium War' in the middle of the last century."

DEATH PENALTY

"Death is the lot of those who are convicted of dealing in or using narcotics, including heroin and morphine. Last year 1,300 were executed on these charges."

"For trafficking illegally in opium and for smoking it without a permit various penalties are provided."

"After investigating opium control in Singapore I hope to make a similar trip to Java, where there also is an opium factory."

Accompanying them are two experts, Mr. P. Y. Loo and Mr. C. Ma, and three other men.

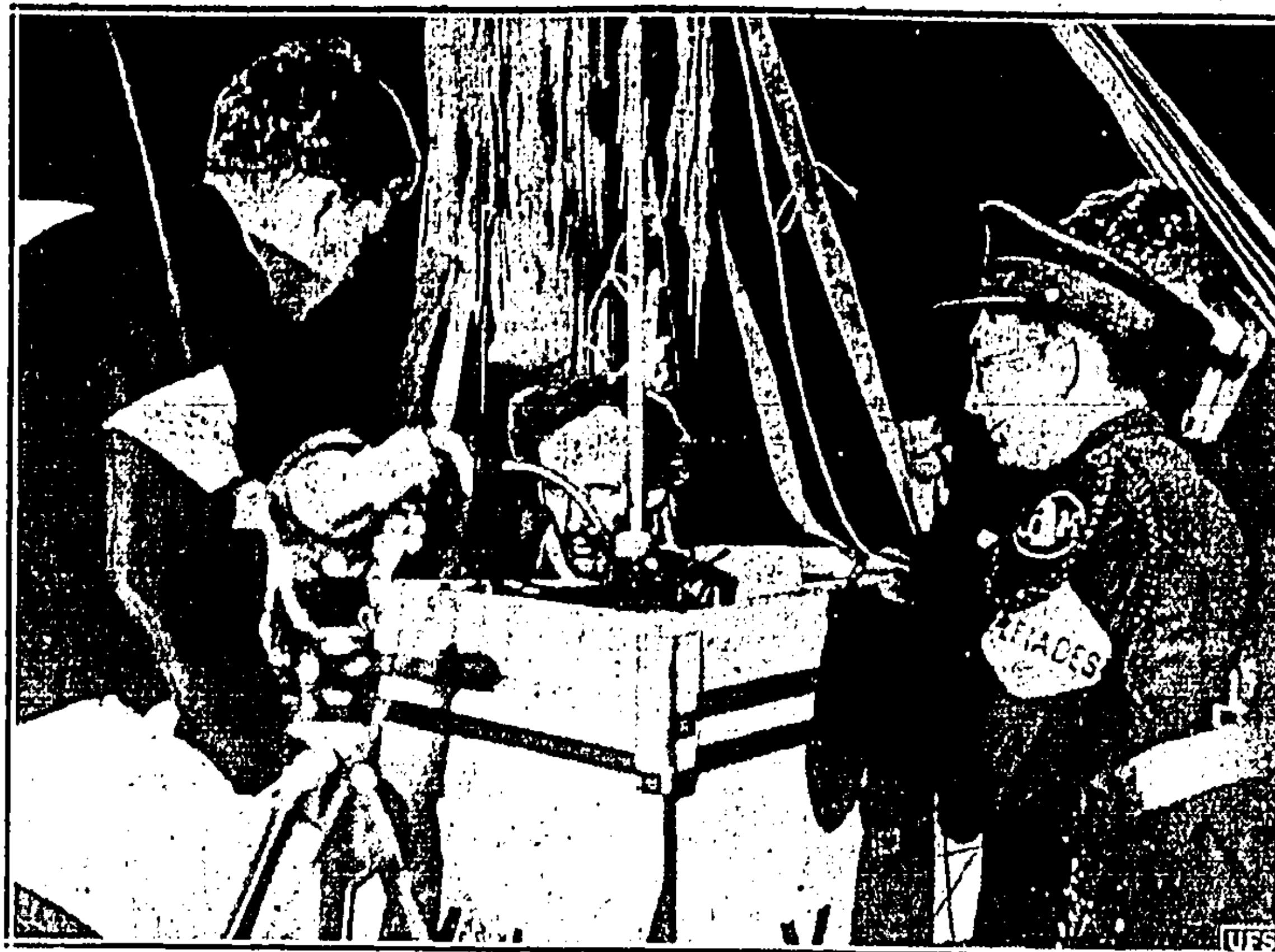


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SKY TRIP.—Dr. Jean Piccard in the gondola of the *Pielades*, just before he took off on his experimental flight from Rochester, Minn., with 80 small balloons as lifting device. The flight ended six hours later in a treecop near Lansing, Iowa, 110 miles away. The gondola burst into flames, destroying Dr. Piccard's recording instruments, but he said he learned much about a prospective voyage into the stratosphere later.

£12 For Nothing—Brides Too Shy To Collect It

ONLY TWO WIVES CLAIMED

"Wanted: A young, poor and honest bride, born in the City of London, to collect a marriage dowry of £12."

The City of London received only two replies to this advertisement, though there were marriage dowries of £12 each for three young girls, left under the Signor Pasquale Favale bequest.

One had to go back in the permanent brides' fund.

These dowries are awarded annually by the Law and City Courts Committee. Usually they have to select three deserving brides from a pile of applicants and define in the strictest sense, Signor Favale's meaning—"three poor, young, honest women born in the City of London, married within twelve calendar months."

Held One Over

Perplexed at this sudden decline in "poor and honest" brides, the committee gave dowries to the two applicants, placed the third as balance to the £100 memorial charity.

Greater London, with a population of 8,500,000, has 69 swimming stations (19 open-air) controlled by the L.C.C., Metropolitan boroughs or Office of Works.

Manchester has 16 "bathing establishments" (some containing more than one bath) and eight open-air pools for a population of 776,028 people.

NECESSARY SERVICE

Most of the large towns and cities—and many of the small places, some of which have built swimming pools costing as little as £1,000—have accepted the principle that a swimming bath is as necessary a service as are parks and recreation ground services.

A growing number of them offer free swimming.

To persuade reluctant authorities that swimming facilities are a necessity for national fitness will be one of the tasks of the local area committees to be appointed under the new Act.

SURVEYING FACILITIES

This allows Government grants to municipalities and voluntary bodies ready to build centres that will help forward the national "Flitter Britain" drive.

An official of the National Advisory Council for Physical Fitness said yesterday that, now that the Act is passed, the area committees will be set up at the earliest possible moment.

It will be their job to survey the local facilities that exist and to encourage fresh schemes.

The 80 towns with no swimming baths will be tackled among the rest. They will not be able to hold out much longer.

The London County Council has been discussing a plea for a better word than "Lido"—the modern term for the modern swimming pool—which, with its sunbathing centre, its cafe and its loud-speaker music, is a little bit more than a swimming pool.

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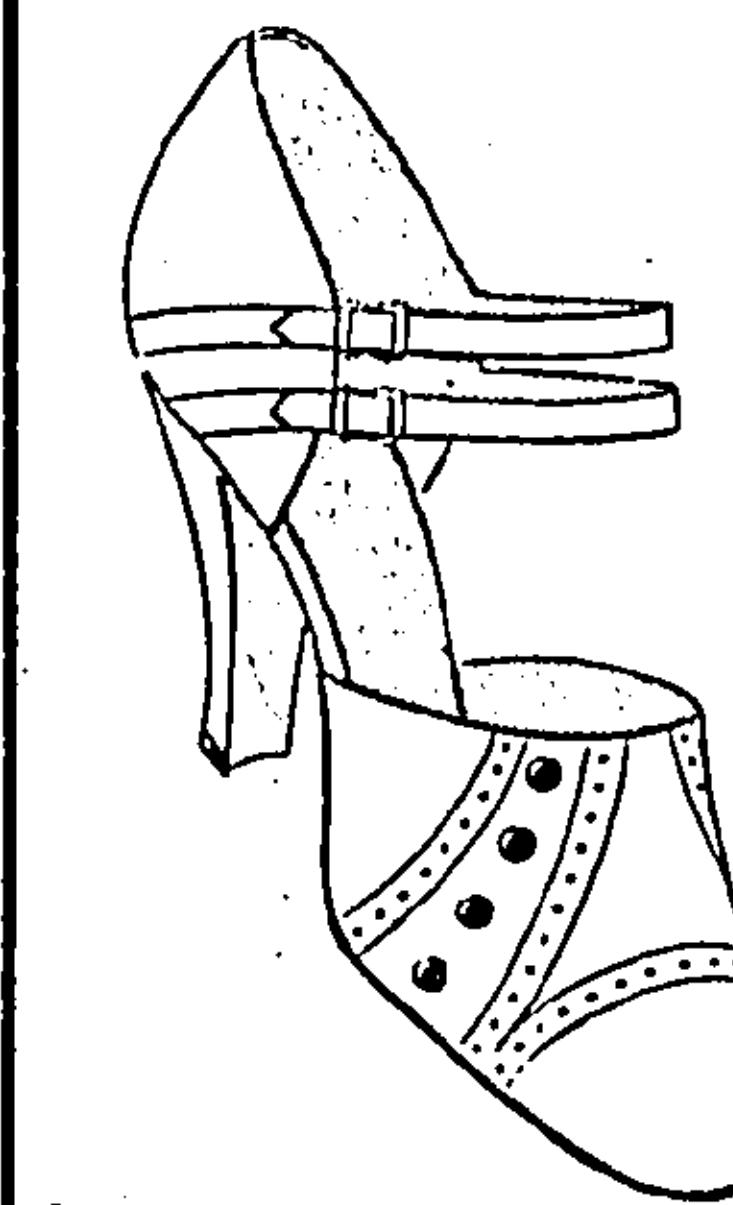
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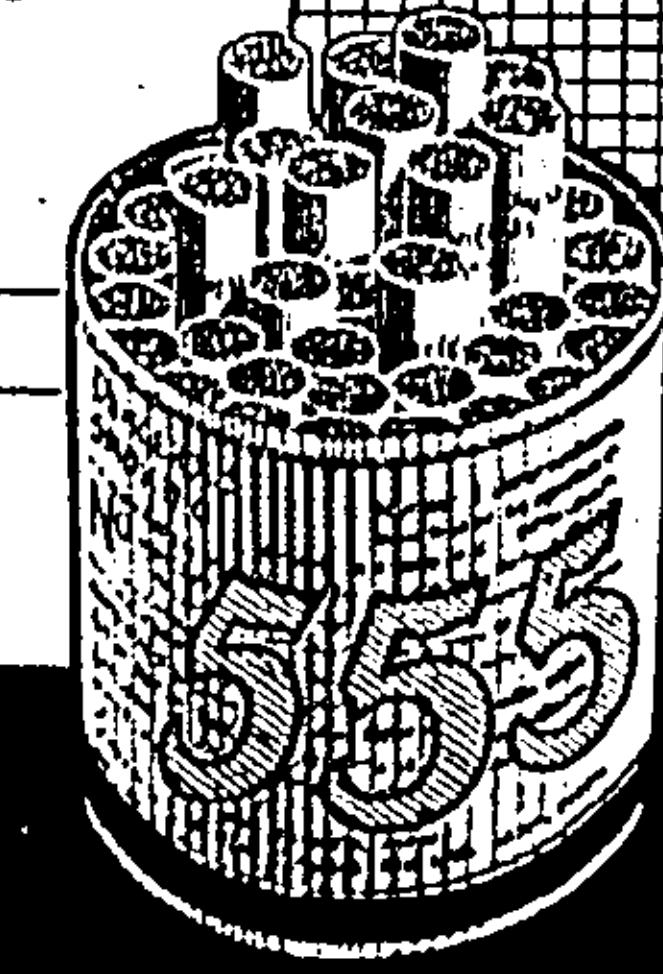
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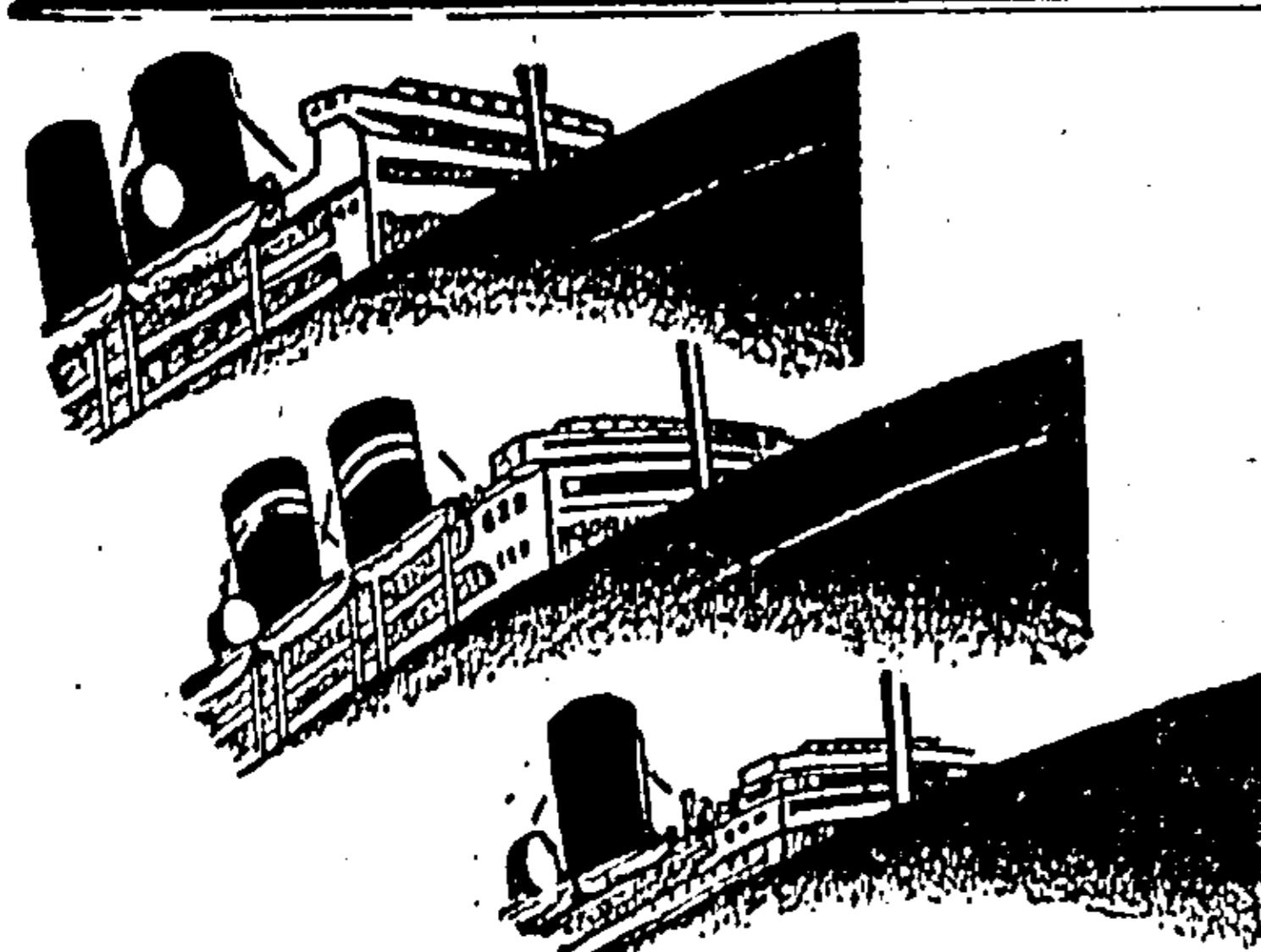
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	18th Sept.	Marseilles, & London.
JAYPORE	5,000	19th Sept.	Straits, Bombay & Karachi.
CORPU	14,500	2nd Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
SOMALI	7,000	9th Oct.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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TALAMBA	7,000	6th Sept.	Singapore & Penang.
SHITALA	6,000	11th Sept.	Singapore, Port, Sweetenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	25th Sept.	

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS

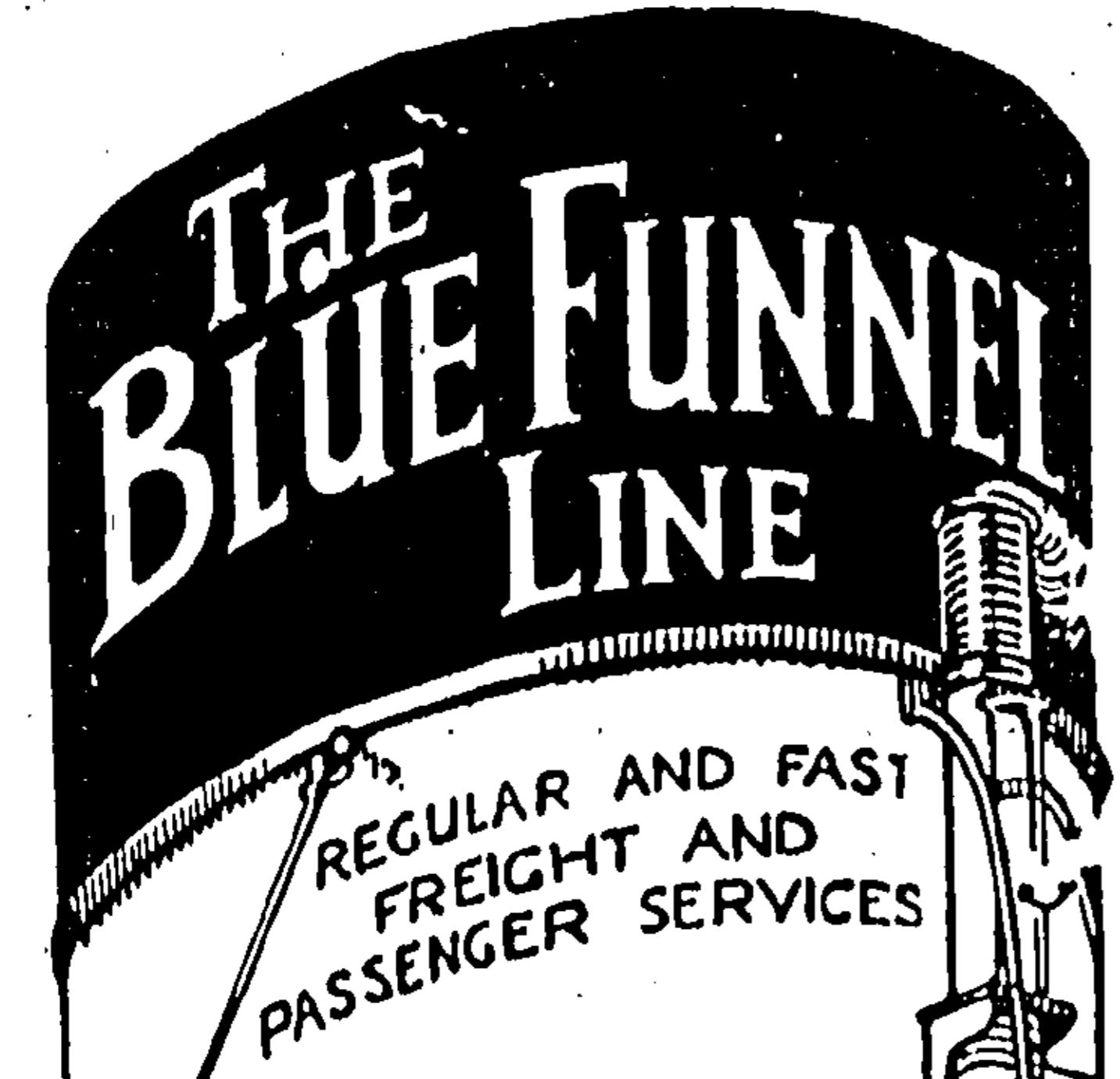
TANDA	7,000	3rd Sept.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Oct.	Melbourne & Hobart.
NELLORI	7,000	30th Oct.	

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SOMALI	7,000	2nd Sept.	Japan.
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Sept.	Japan.
SANTHIA	8,000	10th Sept.	Amoy & Japan.
NALDERA	10,000	10th Sept.	Japan.
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TO THE
CINEMAS.**

Relief Fund Showings at King's Theatre, to-day.—To-day and tomorrow, King's Theatre is showing a special selection of feature films at four different performances, the proceeds to be devoted to a fund to aid refugees in the war stricken areas of North China. The theatre has succeeded in securing the use of some of the most popular of the more recent feature films. To-day the programme is: 2.30 p.m. "Roman Scandals"; 5.10 p.m. "Mutiny On The Bounty"; 7.15 p.m. "Flicker Walk"; 9.30 p.m. "Love Me For Ever".

"Love In A Bungalow" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Breezy comedy recently presented with attractive performances by Kent Taylor, Nan Grey, and a worthy supporting cast. The Theatre also announces that to-day's entire proceeds will be devoted to the Relief Fund for refugees in North China.

"Parole Racket" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Another "Inside Information" film, delicately handled and as a result short of the customary brutalities associated with this type of picture. Good studies offered by Paul Kelly and Rosalind Keith.

"Clive of India" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—One of the Ronald Coleman's most famous roles. It is a finely produced picture, with brilliant studies by Ronald Coleman, Paul Robeson, Loretta Young and a huge supporting cast.

"Stage Struck" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Characteristic back-stage show, featured by enjoyable singing and dancing and a few new wisecracks. Leading players are Dick McHugh, Warren Williams and the Yacht Club Boys.

"The Guv'nor" (Star Theatre, to-day).—George Arliss in a lovely role. The fine character actor gives one of most sparkling performances and with Gene Gerrard playing a role cleverly, the picture has nearly all of the attributes for first-class entertainment.

**NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGE**

**SWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS**

New York, Aug. 25.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of to-day markets.—The market to-day experienced the lightest day's trading since Mid-July and prices sagged in nearly all sections, although motors made meagre recoveries just before the close. Business news was favourable, although rails reflected unfavourable July reports which off-set the outlook for high receipts. Sales are still harassed by the uncertain situation in the Far East. Buying of steel is contemplated. Curb stocks are irregular. Bonds are irregular and quiet, with United States Government issues lower.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages, Aug. 23, Aug. 24.
20 Industrial 162.39 181.70
20 Bonds 52.01 51.60
20 Utilities 27.78 27.83
40 Bonds 100.40 100.43
11 Commodity Index 63.66 63.70

**U. S. COMMODITY
PRICES**

**LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS**

New York Cotton

Oct.	9.00/60	9.53/53
Dec.	9.63/64	9.50/57
Jan.	9.68/68	9.63/63
Mar.	9.74/77	9.71/71
May	9.88/90	9.80/80
July	9.90/90	9.85/85
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New York Rubber

Sept.	16.30/33	18.20/30
Dec.	18.50/57	18.49/49
Jan.	18.61/61	18.55/55
Mar.	18.70/77	18.60/60
May	18.84/84	18.76/76
July	18.92/92	18.80/80

Chicago Wheat

Sept.	104.74/105	103.52/105.5
Dec.	103.74/107	107.40/107.5
Mar.	104.50/103.5	108.50/109.5
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Chicago Corn

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Dec.	98.50/98.5	98.50/98.5
May	98.50/98.5	98.50/98.5

Winnipeg Wheat

Oct.	121.50/121.5	122.50/122.5
Dec.	118.50/118.5	118 / 118
May	119.50/119.5	120.50/120.5

WATER LEVELS

**FOR WEST, NORTH AND
EAST RIVERS**

The River Conservancy Bureau for Kwangtung Province issues the following on water levels, in metres, for the West, North and East Rivers:
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For third, fourth and fifth telegraphic report.
No report.

CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

**Features of Local
Display**

The Exhibition of Chinese paintings by local Chinese artists exhibited lately at the Second National Exhibition at Nanking and which is now held at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., 386 Bonham Road until Saturday under the auspices of the Hongkong Working Artists Guild, completes the series of Chinese art exhibitions sponsored by the Guild. It does not claim to include the entire amount of entries submitted by local artists, as owing to the absence of their pictures not yet returned to them at this late date, one or two artists have been unable to participate in this show. Thus Mr. Lau Kwan-yam, one of the participants, has instead sent in a picture which was formerly shown at the Kwangtung Provincial Exhibition at Canton.

A rapid glance of the pictures shown reveals at once the greater proportion of the entries sent in by Mr. Pau Shiu-yau and his students, and he is to be congratulated for having been so successful in his teaching on the one hand and in the acceptance of his students' work by the Exhibition Committee at Nanking on the other.

To begin with, Mr. Pau's "Landscape" (1) and "Pine Trees" (2) show his masterful treatment of foliage in general and of pine tree in particular. In "Fisherman's Village" (54) his rendering is rather realistic than symbolic. In No. 48 he has composed successfully—at the same time quite interestingly—the various kinds of Chinese junks and sailboats.

Of his pupils' paintings of Phoenixes perhaps the most delicate and highly accomplished is "White Phoenix" (15) by Miss Chau Sze-yin, while "Lady on Grass" (38) by Miss Tsan: Yuen-wan attains the same high level of craftsmanship on an unusually large scale. "Mandarin Ducks" (33) by Fang Shau-wang has a perfect harmonious colour scheme and excellent composition.

Mr. Pau's successful teaching of pure tree painting can well be seen from the picture entitled "Landscapes" (26) by Miss Fang Mu-ching (26). In this picture not only is the sense of beauty seen in the form and colour of the subject but in the craftsmanship itself as well.

If you suffer from myopia you can see more clearly by screwing up your eyes and forcing the little muscles back into place. If you see a child screwing up its eyes, you can guess this is the trouble.

The eyesight of many people changes from year to year, not necessarily for the worse. The best bar-gain I ever made was to "insure" my sight against change. I have had four new pairs of lenses without cost.

Although amongst schoolchildren there seem to be slightly more boys affected than girls, amongst adults the percentage is reversed. In a test, 69 women were found to have defective eyesight against 40 men!

The explanations offered were that fewer women use their eyes for close work than men, and that therefore shortcomings are more likely to go unnoticed, and that vanity prevents many women from wearing glasses

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**A SHORT-SIGHTED
POLICY**

If, in her policies towards China, moral considerations do not carry great weight with Japan, one would have thought that the materialistic factor, represented by trading opportunities, would have been sufficient to exercise a restraining influence on those elements which adhere to the doctrine of force for the settlement of disputes between the two nations. Business men in Japan must thoroughly realise that the methods at present being employed will ruin commerce for many years to come. Japan's own prosperity depends on peace in China. Sir Eric Teichman has done well to point out that Britain and the United States have always aimed at the creation of a strong and stable Central Government in China, ruling a united people. Japan, on the other hand, has always sought to deal with regional authorities when disputes arise, a policy which strikes at the very roots of the unity and stability of the country.

Despite the innumerable difficulties with which she has been faced, China has in recent years made marked progress towards complete unity, but Japan, so far from assisting that process, has continued along the lines of seeking to separate one part of the country from another. Her latest venture, however, is proving a boomerang, inasmuch as it is consolidating China as no other circumstance could have done. There is evidence everywhere of strong support for the Central Government in its resistance to Japan's aggression, and it is eloquent of world opinion that all the sympathy is with China in her hour of trial. From no source, even the most jingoistic, is Japan's policy approved. Relying on her own strength, Japan still persists in defying adverse world opinion, but having gone so far, it is difficult to visualise her drawing back from the venture upon which she has embarked. Her methods have inevitably heightened such anti-Japanese feeling as persisted in China; here, again, it is cause for wonderment that Japan's leaders do not, or will not, see that the very movement against which they inveigh is fostered rather than otherwise by the use of the big stick. Bereft of moral support, Japan stands also to lose

Certain facts the drillers—the Anglo-American Oil Company—know: they know that the Palaeozoic Floor—the ancient rock formation that forms the basis of the whole continent of Europe—is, at this point, between 4,000 and 5,000 feet below the surface.

That is not much: there is one oil well in Texas 12,500 feet deep. They know that, if oil is not found about the Floor, it will not be found at all.

Now, even as you read this, they are drilling. Driving downward through the earth, through sand and shale, limestone, sandstone, slate, chalk, even bits of wood in process of turning to coal, scanning the deposits brought up by the drill for traces of the viscous fluid that is the basis of modern transport. It is a gamble: a gigantic gamble. The odds are 10 to 1 against. "Fair odds. Worth

materially by her tactics, for even if hostilities were soon to come to an end, there must be left behind such a residue of resentment amongst the people of China as to make the resumption of normal trade in the near future a most unlikely contingency.

Drilling For Oil In England

the risk," said one member of tackle from which depends the company. "With a worse drill, risk we wouldn't have sunk the well. With a better risk—well, you can't get much better risk in oil."

The plant is costing about £100 a day to maintain. There is a staff of about 30 men employed; some of them highly skilled; others local labourers. Seven men work on the "rig"—the derrick—at a time. There are three shifts a day; going all out for eight hours.

A two-cylinder 12in. by 12in. engine, fired by three 100 h.p. boilers, drives a horizontal drum on the derrick platform. Four great chains, surprisingly loose, rattle and bang as the engine works. Suspended from the peak of the derrick, crowned with the Union Jack, 137ft. above the ground is a block and

the top section of the drill is a square shaft which fits into a square hole in the drum. As the drum rotates—at anything between 80 to 200 revolutions a minute, according to the type of rock one is going through at the moment—the drill rotates.

The actual drilling instrument may be either "fish-tail" or "rock-bit" divided in the centre. One half is flanged forwards, one half backwards. On the two blades thus formed, a resident welder puts a crenellated insert of tungsten carbide—the hardest substance known save diamonds—and covers this with a top dressing of steel with a wedge-shaped edge.

To pay, an oil well must produce at least 15,000 tons of oil through its life. It is loaded into barrels each holding 35 gallons.

To prevent the hole getting choked steel tubes are sunk to line the walls. To keep water from forcing its way in concrete is forced between the outer surface of the hole itself.

One of the gravest dangers in drilling is the fracture of a pipe or drill. In such a case special tools on the drill-end fish for the fragments in the impenetrable subterranean dark.

This is a real danger. Such a fracture may hold up work for six months. Consequently they never drive the drill too fast.

From time to time, to take a sample of the rock, a "core drill" is attached to the shaft. This takes a cylindrical chunk out of the earth, much as an empty cocoa tin, pressed down into a cake and withdrawn, would take a cylindrical section out of the cake.

The resident geologist inspects the chunk and keeps in a shed a permanent record of the strata which have already been pierced. The first core was taken at a depth of 118 feet.

At the surface of the earth, the hole in the ground is 22 to generate a spark as metal inches across. Further down it gets smaller, for they fit smaller drills.

As the drill bites its way into the earth mud—just plain mud—is forced down with it. The mud acts as a lubricant; it softens the rock which the drill is piercing; and, by an hydraulic system, it is forced up inside the mouth—have been tried without success. If the one at Hellingly fails, they will sink a well eight miles from Edinburgh. But,

So the gamble goes on. Already two drillings—one at Henfield, Sussex, another near Portslade, the drill and carries with it the particles of crushed rock which the drill has displaced.

Above the drill as it descends miles from Edinburgh, but, are fixed pipes in 30ft. lengths, as I left the rig with its rending

These are cylindrical. They are noise and desolate mud-tanks,

shaft held in the drum and the I wondered if success—even un-

drill itself. Each section is attended by flaming tragedy—

screwed on by hand, then tight—might not cut the last two syllables from the hamlet's name.

Through the pipe rise mud and chips. Through it, too, will rise the oil—if and when found.

Guy Ramsey

A Bespectacled Nation

A RECENT experience of the staff department of the London Underground Railway suggests that Britain is quickly becoming a nation of spectacled men and women.

During the Coronation rush, 700 additional staff were appointed, and it was afterwards desired to make a number of permanent appointments. Three hundred were sent for the usual medical examination, and out of these, 120 had to be written down failures on the score of eyesight.

Superficially this may not seem a very large percentage, but the important point is that all the applicants were quite confident about their eyesight. They believed that it was at least "good" or they would not have applied, as the strictness of the test is a matter of common knowledge.

Eleven out of every 100 of the recruits who were inspected at the Central London recruiting depot during the months December 1936-May 1937 were rejected on the score of faulty sight. The War Office examination is not as strict as that of the Underground railway. Again, one must remember that the recruits, generally speaking, believed themselves fit for the Army. The 11 per cent. is 11 per cent. of our fittest young men.

Even more startling are the figures secured by tests in factories. A report last year showed that out of 139 employees examined in one firm, 61 were found to require glasses, and

again, spectacles are no longer the handicap they were once considered. The war showed that a spectacled soldier could be efficient.

A man with deficient eyesight wearing proper glasses is under few handicaps to-day. A few trades are barred to him, but he can play games, shoot, drive, and so on as well as his more fortunate brothers.

Unbreakable lenses have removed the danger of playing such games as cricket in glasses. Examples could be given of first-class cricketers who wear glasses. Spectacled players have appeared at Wimbledon.

The visual abilities of a spectacled man or woman should be judged when they are wearing glasses. In many cases their sight is better than that of others with slight deficiencies which are unsuspected.

The eyesight test required of motorists is exceedingly simple, yet between December and May last 350 failed to read an identification plate of a car at 25 yards. It is safe to say that they were people without glasses who had not noticed their short sight, or spectacle wearers who had not had their lenses changed as their eyesight altered.

The Trouble Begins at School

Many experts believe that the trouble starts at school. Schoolchildren to-day read much more than our grandfathers did. Then, (Continued on Page 5.)

Grey-Haired Woman Carries Battle For Pensions at 55 To The Commons

Lorry Load of Petitions

London, July 22.
A decorated lorry will drive to London from the Midlands a week to-morrow, carrying a petition to the House of Commons signed by a million people.

This will be the climax to months of intensive work by the National Spinners Association in their campaign for pensions for spinners at 55.

Directing the campaign has been a small, grey-haired woman working in a Bradford sweet-shop. She is Miss Florence White.



Riddled with shrapnel and bullet indentations this car, abandoned on a main road in the Shanghai International Settlement attracts considerable attention from passers-by. Such sights, however, have now become common in Shanghai where the Sino-Japanese fighting is raging.

Sergeant's Wife Was the Private'

AN Army sergeant's wife, who said her husband took a delight in "telling her off" and treated her as a private on the barrack-square, informed the magistrate at the South-Western Matrimonial Court recently of her discovery of a love-letter from an unknown woman.

Mrs. Violet Jennings, of Brantley-road, Tooting, applied for a court order on the grounds that her husband had deserted her and was persistently cruel to her.

LIPS GLUED BY KISSES!
Extracts from the letter, which the magistrate, Mr. Cluny Mullins, read in court, were: "The kiss you gave me is what I have often longed for. I realise that I did care for you indeed, and I went home with my lips glued by your kisses."

The letter was signed "Freda," and was from an address at Southend. Sergeant Jennings, who lives at North-end, Clapham, said that once he earned a man's life in Gibraltar, and when the account of the incident appeared in the English Press he had more than 100 letters from girls all over England.

VERY IMPRESSABLE
He saved some of the letters in a trunk and unfortunately his wife got hold of them. With regard to the letter from Freda, he declared, "I had a good laugh when I read it. It is very ridiculous. She was a very impressionable girl. I was only with her for an hour."

Mr. Mullins, dismissing the wife's application, said: "I have two suggestions for Sergeant Jennings: first, that he should be more careful of receiving letters from strange women; second, that he should keep barrack-square manners from his wife. The trouble is, I think, that he has been a bit of a fool, and probably just likes to appear attractive to women."

"You cannot use your fist on a woman, so to teach her a lesson, I used to spank my wife," admitted Oswald Gale, a bus conductor, of Pinnington-road, Gorton, summoned by his wife Mrs. Edith Gale, of Hewitt-street, Gorton, Manchester, yesterday—for persistent cruelty.

Her husband said his spanking had never hurt his wife, who spent too much time with her parents and never knew what days he had off or what hours he was working. She prepared his breakfast, then sat down with a book and cigarette, smoking until luncheon time. His meals were not ready when he came home.

He was ordered to pay her 15s. a week and 5s. to the child.

£11,632 Plane Crash Damages

DAMAGES amounting to £11,632 were awarded a Manx farmer and his wife in the Douglas High Court last month for injuries received in a plane crash.

William Edward Teare, of St. John, Isle of Man, is to receive £10,000 and £37 special damages, and his wife, Kathleen Isabel Teare, £1,500 and £95 special damages.

They were passengers in a Manx Airways plane which crashed when taking off from Ronaldsway airport.

Manx Airways Company is owned by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company and the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company.

Teare told the Court that he was shot through the roof of the plane, and when he got to his feet the machine was ablaze. He saved five other passengers by pulling them through the hole he had made.

The defence was that the passengers travelled at their own risk, although the company admitted negligence in taking off.

NEW DIABETES TREATMENT PUT TO TEST Completely Negative Results

THOUSANDS of sufferers from diabetes had their hopes raised high last month when two German scientists announced a new, simple treatment which seemed to have most successful results.

Instead of the recognised method of insulin injections, treatment was by doses of amber acid, taken as easily as ordinary medicine.

In London, the diabetic department of King's College Hospital was pestered—*their own word*—by patients anxiously inquiring for the new amber acid treatment. The doctors knew nothing about it, were sceptical.

The Medical Research Council got busy, asked the hospital's diabetic department to examine the new treatment thoroughly.

'NEGATIVE RESULTS'
Dr. R. D. Lawrence, physician-in-charge, and his associates selected for the tests two elderly women who no longer showed improvement from the diet treatment used in the early

stages of this illness. Insulin injections would have been the next step they were given amber acid instead.

In the current British Medical Journal the doctors report their results and state, "We feel we should publish at once the completely negative and clear-cut results we obtained. It is clearly too soon to advise treatment with amber acid instead of insulin."

The German doctors were successful with four cases, the English doctors unsuccessful with two. All are experts on diabetes.

The Journal comments: "The idea is revolutionary and, coming from such a source, commands serious attention. It is a matter of enormous importance to thousands of patients with diabetes. It is clear that many more cases must be followed under strictly controlled conditions and by other observers."

In diabetes the power of the muscles and other tissues to assimilate sugar circulating in the blood is diminished or lost. Insulin injections enable the tissues to absorb the sugar."

ZIP AHOY! Fashion Notes For The Navy

ABOVE all things Jack Tar must be *chic*. That is his preoccupation—and the Admiralty's too. For instance:

He mustn't wear sou'westers ashore when it rains (they're not smart); serge suits instead of cloth suits when on short leave.

He may wear zip-fastened jumpers and a blue pullover instead of a serge waistcoat.

He's got to wear those bell-bottom trousers.

That's the gist of to-day's fashion notes (or Results—Review of Service Conditions 1936, issued in Admiralty Fleet Orders) if you want to be particular.

Here's some more of his requests—and the answers he got:

R.—May civilian clothes be worn going on leave and returning to ships?

A.—Certainly not. No ratings may do this but well, chief petty officers and petty officers may, provided they wear hats and do not appear on board out of uniform.

R.—Could seamen's jumpers be made to open down the front and be fastened with buttons?

A.—That would not be smart; nor would it maintain traditional appearance. But zip-fasteners will be tried.

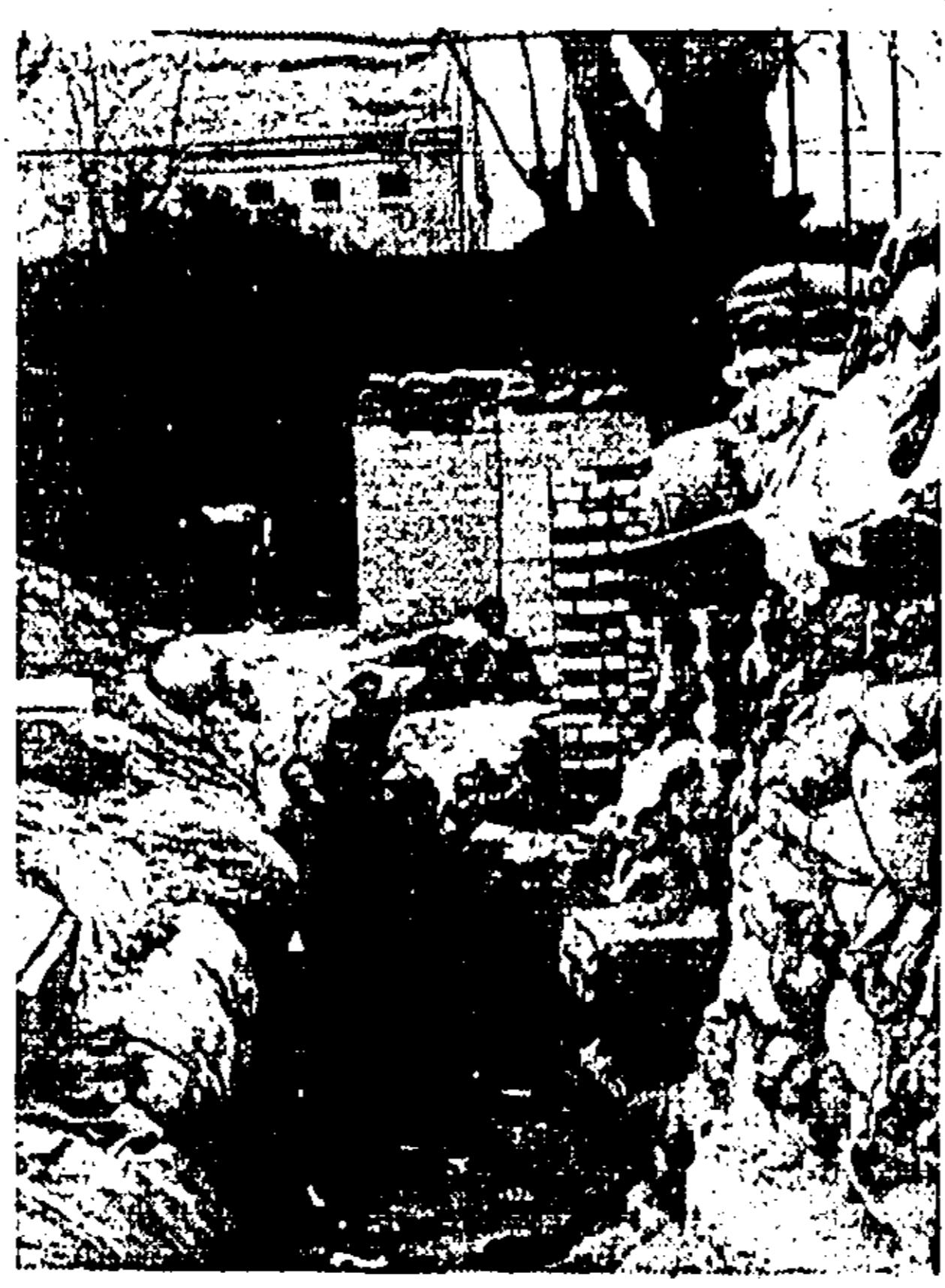
R.—May civilian clothes be worn going on leave and returning to ships?

A.—The present collars save wear and tear on shirts. The possibility of introducing a semi-stiff collar (not too expensive) is being investigated.

R.—Could we please have a better quality serge for our uniforms?

A.—A heavier quality, costing about 3d. a yard more, is to be introduced.

There's only one place in the Navy where these answers do not matter. In the galleys the cooks wear vests, fannells, and shirts of their own (or their wives') choice.



LOVE LETTER AT 71 TO WOMAN OF 36

"I WAITED and waited and waited, and presently there came to me a beautiful lady dressed in powdered blue. Her face shone with love and happiness, and I was happy too."

A man of 71, Mr. John Skelton, of Brierley House, Glendale, Sheffield, admitted at Leeds Assizes recently that he wrote this message last May to a woman now in the dock, Mrs. Mima Booth, aged 36.

Mrs. Booth, together with her father, James Danan, aged 67, and William Batty, aged 44, were charged with conspiring to defraud Mr. Skelton and with forging and uttering cheques. They pleaded not guilty.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. Sharp for Batty, Mr. Skelton said he did not want Batty to live at his house.

Mr. Sharp: All you wanted was Mrs. Booth. You were infatuated with her. Do you still love her? Yes.

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (952 m.c.s.).

12.30 The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Tannhauser March (Wagner); March Aux Flambeaux (Meyerbeer); The Soloist's Delight (Godfrey); Marche Heroique De Szabady (Massenet, arr. Dan Gottrey).

12.47 Bing Crosby (Vocal).

Just One Word Of Consolation (Williams, Lemonier); Dear Old Girl (Buck, Morse); Robins And Roses (Leslie, Burke); Would You? (From: San Francisco).

1 Time and Weather.

1.03 Scottish Music.

Songs Of The Hebrides—Kishmuir's Galley; In Hebride Seas (M. Kennedy-Fraser)...Muriel Brunskill (Contralto); Willie's Game To Melville Castle (Stephen and Burnett); The Little Rig (Burnett)...Robert Burnett (Baritone); It's A'Hoan Th' Toun (Lauder)...Harry Lauder (Baritone); Highland Ladie Carruthers)...New Mayfair Orchestra; My Ah Folk (Lemon, Mills)...Mary Kay (Contralto).

1.30 Reuter and Ruby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Light Variety.

Novelties—Covered Wagon Lullaby; The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine (From Film)...The Hills Billes; Vocal—A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (Film The Great Ziegfeld); I Don't Want To Make History (Film Palm Springs)...Frances Day (Soprano); Charlie Kunz (Piano) Medley No. D.4: Intro; I Need You; What Will I Tell My Heart; The Lover; Bug Will Bite You; With Plenty Of Money and You; Let's Put Our Heads Together; Moonlight and Shadows; With Plenty Of Money and You; Charlie Kunz; Harmonica—Scientifically Of Course; If You Pretend You're Blue; Margatey and Winterbottom; Vocal Pourquoi Quand Je Te Dis Je T'Aime; Voulez Vous Fait De Mon Amour?...Tino Rossi (Tenor); Orchestral—La Paloma (Vladimir); Manyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

1.50 Close Down.

8.15 p.m. Chinese Programme.

8.30 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

6 Studio—Children's Concert.

6.45 Chopin, played by Rubinstein (Piano).

Waltz In C Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2; Polonaise No. 5 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 44.

6.55 Choruses and Accordeon Band.

The White Cliffs Of Dover (Leon and Towers); Log Cabin Lullaby (S. and G. H. Byrne and Schuster)...London Piano Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood; Rosalie (Thomas and Engleman); Our Days Together (Kennedy and Carr); One Night In Monte Carlo (Silver, Sherman and Lewis); There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods)...London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood; Gipsy Laughing Chorus (J. Bell)...Rhionda Welsh Glee Singers; Down In Demerara; Riding Down From Bangor; Solomon Levi (Traditional)...Raymond Newell and B. B. C. Male Chorus; Drinker All Round; Intro: Vive la Compagnie; Come, Landlord Fill the Flowing Bowl; Little Brown Jug; Drinking; Old King Cole; What shall be done with the Drunken Sailor?...Columbia Vocal Gem Company.

7.30 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.35 Variety.

Vocal—No More; Sing Something.

In The Morning (From Home and Beauty)...Gitta Alpar (Soprano); Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes

...Hubert Eisdell, Heddie Nash, Dennis Noble and Norman Allin; Novelty—A Melody From The Sky (Film The Trail of the Lonesome Pine)...Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors; Comedian—How The So-And-So Can I Be Happy; The Girl Next Door...Max Miller; Viennese Orchestra—Die Czardasfurstin—Popotur...Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Chinese Programme.

8.11 Close Down.

8.11 p.m. European Programme from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 610 Kilocycles.

8.03 Cesare Franck, Sonata In A Major—Coriol (Piano) and Thibaud (Violin).

8.35 Light Orchestral.

Liebestraume (Liszt); Albumblatt (Wagner, arr. Mulder)...De Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra; Romance In E Flat, Op. 44, No. 1; Melody In F, Op. 3, No. 1, (Rubinstein)...New Light Symphony Orchestra; Old Vienna (Gems from Lanner's Waltzes) (Lanner, arr. Kremsner); Amorettenzante—Waltz (Gung!)...Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Come To The Ball (From The Quaker Girl)...Orchestra Louise.

9 London Relay—Food for Thought. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.22 Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

9.35 Light Orchestral.

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9.40 London Relay—Food for Thought. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.50 Saturday at The King's.

Meet the girls—

who got caught in a racket!

10.00 Saturday at The King's.

HUMPHREY BOGART

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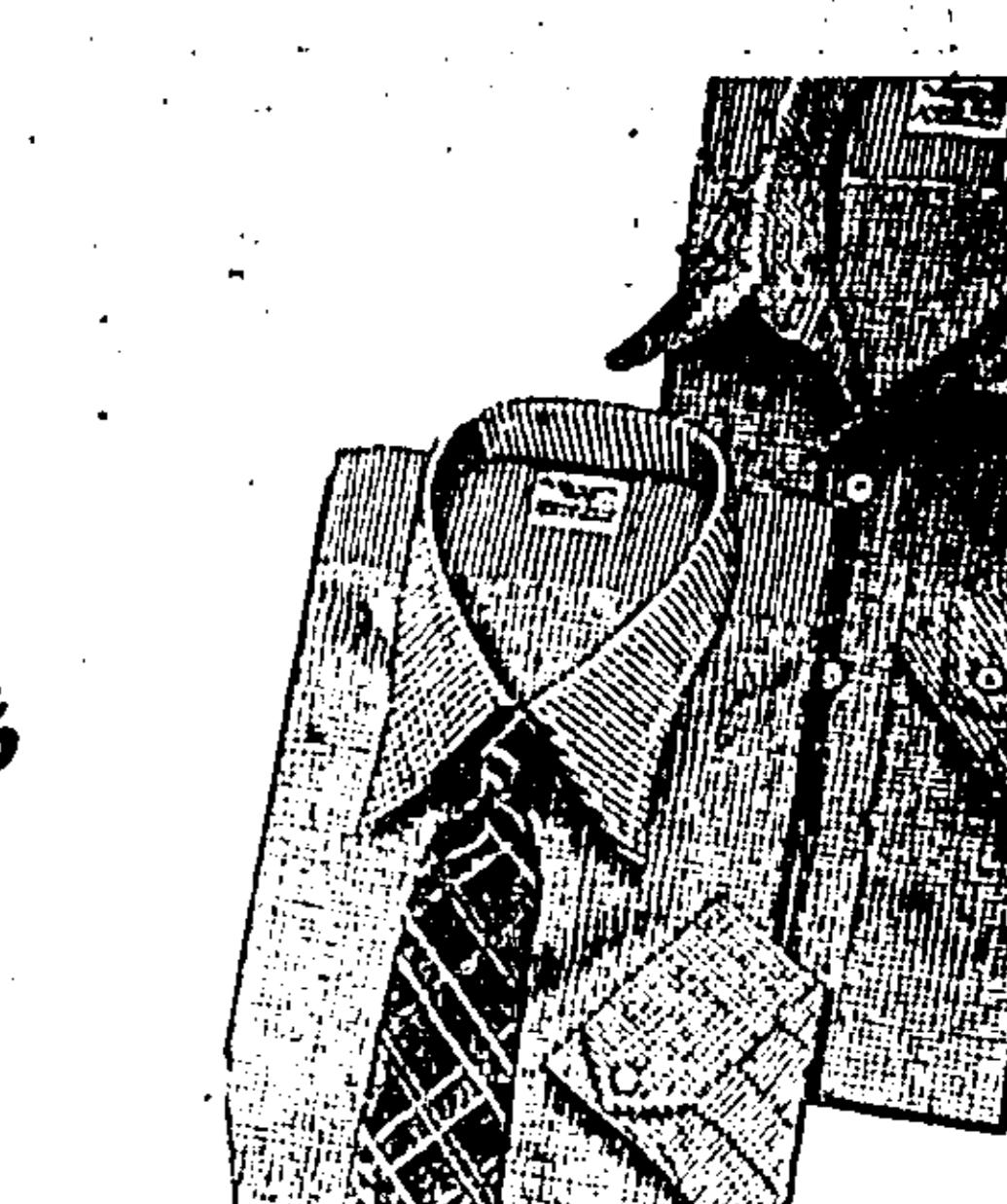
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FARR BETS £500 ON HIMSELF TO BEAT JOE LOUIS

GERMAN SWIMMERS SUCCEED

BEAT ENGLAND AT WEMBLEY

(By W. J. Howcroft)

Germany beat England by 15½ events to 4½ in the swimming contest in the Empire Pool, Wembley, last month. The Germans took 13 of the 18 swimming events—there was one dead-heat—and won both water-polo matches.

A record crowd roared their approval of a great night's sport.

Enthusiasm was at its greatest when Heinz Arendt finished half a lap in front of Bob Leivers in the 1,500 metres; when Norman Wainwright won the 200 metres; and while Douglas Tomalin and Erhardt Weise fought out a thrilling duel in the high platform diving.

Although Germany won so easily, they failed to reproduce their Olympic form in every swimming event except the men's 100 metres backstroke, won by Heinz Schlauch in 60.8sec.—the outstanding performance of the meeting.

In the relays, which give an accurate reflex of all-round strength, Germany were 7.8sec. slower in the men's and women's events; the English teams failed to approach their Berlin form, by 4.6sec. in the men's event, and 1.1sec. in the women's.

PERFECT JUDGMENT

Norman Wainwright's victory in the 200 metres against Werner Plath will be talked about for years as a display of perfect judgment.

Plath took the lead from the start and was half a yard ahead when he turned for the last length. Then Wainwright quickened his stroke to draw up inch by inch, a foot behind five yards from the finish he made a terrific effort and brought his arm over on to the bath rail less than six inches in front of Plath in the very last time of 2min. 15.6sec.

Ingeborg Schmitz left nothing to chance in the 100 metres match against the English champion, Mrs. Olive Wadham. She won by 10 yards in 68.6sec., a fine swim for a girl of 15 over a 50 metres lap.

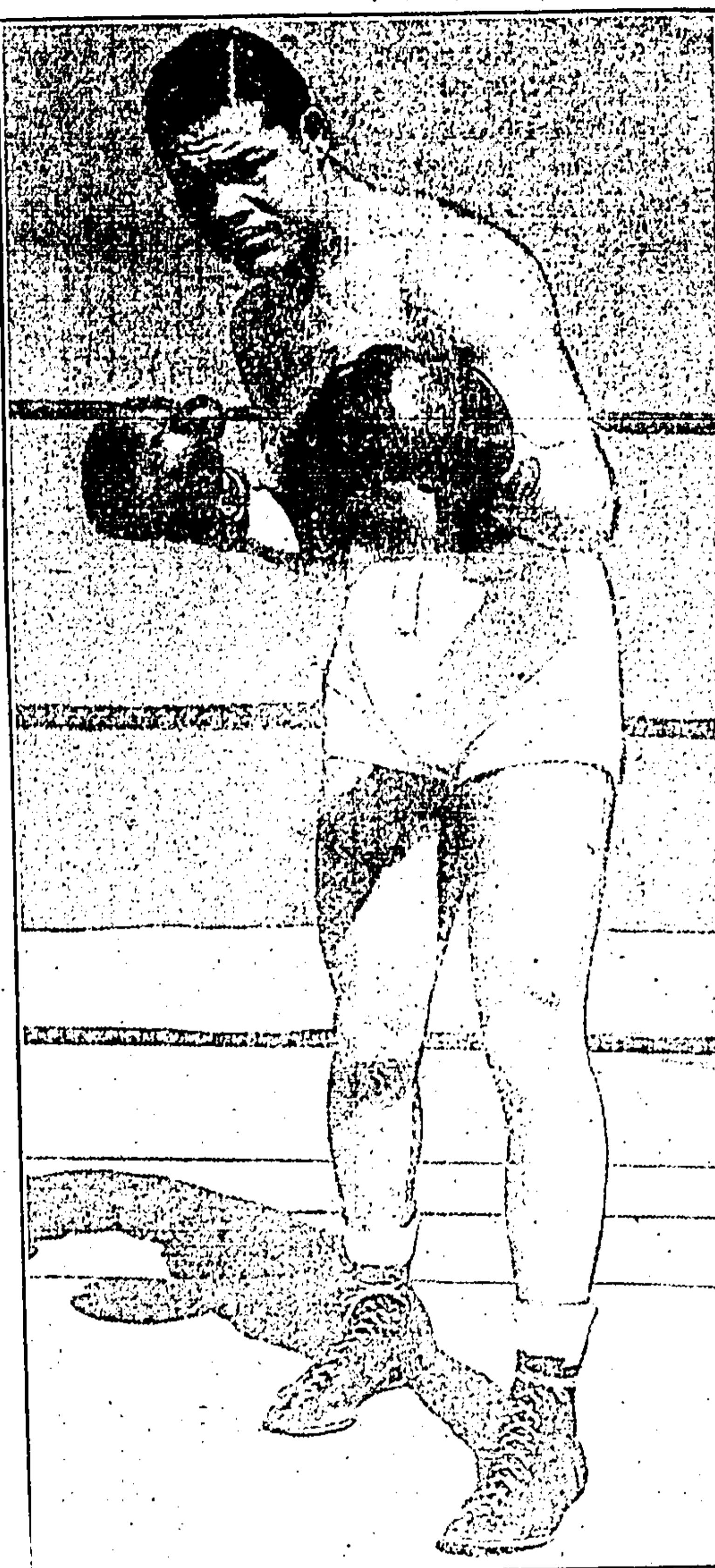
Lorna Frampton won the 100 metres backstroke in 79.8sec., beating Ann Stolte by eight yards.

Fred Dove made a brave effort to repeat his victory over Helmuth Fischer in the 100 metres. Down the last length Dove appeared to have a chance, but ten yards from the finish Fischer looked across to him and speeded to win by half-a-yard.

Doris Storey swam much better than was expected when she finished second to Trude Wollschlaeger in the 200 metres breast-stroke. She resumed training only a fortnight ago after a long illness. Her time was 3min. 11.4sec. against the winner's 3min. 8.8sec.

Germany won the men's medley relay in 3min. 26.2sec., with England 3min. 29.4sec. Schlauch finished six yards in front of Taylor in the backstroke leg, just Davies, using the butterfly stroke, pulled in four yards of leeway against Siemas, who used the orthodox stroke. Fischer started the last leg two yards in front of Gabrieles who lost another two yards.

The English divers, Helen Orr and Douglas Tomalin, earned high commendation. Miss Orr only lost the spring-board contest by .09 points. (Continued on Page 4.)



LEAGUE TENNIS

"B" Division Title Will Soon Be Decided

K.I.T.C. LOSE

If the weather is propitious, the "B" Division championship of the tennis league will be decided by next Wednesday. Craigengower, present leaders, hope to complete their programme by then, and the outcome of their encounters with C.R.C. and Recreco will assuredly settle the championship problem.

Craigengower have arranged to play Recreco on Wednesday next and hope to meet Chinese Recreation Club either on Monday or Tuesday next. Craigengower need to win both matches to become champions.

Only one match in this division was played yesterday. Kowloon Cricket Club, in spite of the splendid effort by the Hussain brothers who again won all three sets, beating Kowloon Indian Tennis Club five to four.

The failure of the K.I.T.C. third pair to win a set, and the defeat of Firdos Khan and I. Mahan Singh, second string by the K.C.C.'s first two couples was responsible for the result.

After beating Grose and Anderson and Burnett and Clarke easily, the Hussain brothers all but lost against Ramsey and Wright, eventually scraping home in the twelfth game.

Details of the match and the revised league table follow.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat D. J. N. Anderson and F. Grose 6-3; beat G. C. Burnett and C. G. Clarke 6-2; beat A. W. Ramsay and W. Wright 6-4.

F. Khan and I. Mahan Singh lost to Anderson and Grose 2-0; lost to Burnett and Clarke 3-0; beat Ramsey and Wright 6-4.

M. Singh and B. R. Salish lost to Anderson and Grose 1-0; lost to Burnett and Clarke 0-6; lost to Ramsey and Wright 6-0.

LEAGUE TABLE

Sets. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

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S.C.A.C. . 6 0 0 0 40% 134 8

K.C.C. . 7 4 0 0 32% 204 8

Recreo . 7 4 0 0 23% 284 8

C.S.C.C. . 8 2 1 0 22% 12% 5

H.K.C.C. . 8 1 0 0 8 18 26 2

K.I.T.C. . 7 1 0 0 28% 24% 3

University . 5 0 0 0 5 5% 35% 0

NEGRO, HOWEVER IS A 4 TO 1 FAVOURITE

Big Fight To-night

THE world of boxing, particularly British enthusiasts, will be on their toes to-night when Tommy Farr, the gallant Welshman, who has risen from obscurity to fame within three years, steps into the ring at Yankee Stadium to meet Joe Louis, the unofficial heavyweight champion of the world.

The situation has more than interesting point. In United States the fight is more or less regarded as a title bout. In England it will only be officially recognised as a fight, with no title at stake, as the British Boxing Board of Control has laid down that only a fight between Max Schmeling, who was side-stepped by Louis recently, and Farr, the British and Empire heavyweight, can carry with it the world title.

Reuter says that the bout to-night will start at 10 o'clock (New York local time). The bout has aroused considerable interest as it brings together Farr, who was formerly an hotel "Boots," and America's acknowledged champion, the Detroit Bomber.

Champion Louis will take the ring a 4 to 1 favourite, with few wishing to back Farr, except himself. The Welshman has wagered £500 on the result.

The fight between the "Tonypandy Terror" and the "Brown Bomber" has caught the imagination more than any fight of recent years. It seems amazing that the Briton will be fighting for the heavyweight crown of the world, yet if he wins, he will not be regarded as world champion in Great Britain as he must fight and beat Schmeling to lay claim to the title.

Despite the tremendous ballyhoo publicity which has been given to to-night's scrap, it may be a financial flop, as it is generally regarded that the fight is a "good thing" for Louis. This is emphasised by the belief that the negro will very quickly open the cut over Farr's right eye which he sustained during his training.

The promoters have already cut the price of the cheap seat by more than half, and Farr, who is guaranteed at least £5,000 may ironically receive more than the title holder, who is to be given 42½ per cent. of the gate receipts.



ANSWERING THE CALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCHES HOME TEAMS BEATEN

Soccer is on the way and you will soon be seeing plenty of this sort of thing. The general call-up has been sounded and here cameraman has caught early arrivals at the Brentford F.C. ground. Muttitt and Wilson (right) are putting their heads together.

BOWLS TOURNAMENT

England and Portugal, the only two countries which have not announced their selections for the Gutierrez International Bowls Competition, have now nominated their players.

England will be represented by S. A. Bright, S. Randle, A. W. Grimble and J. Hollidge (skip).

The reserves will be E. G. Post, T. Coleman, T. Armstrong and B. W. Bradbury.

Mr. C. H. Basto, the Portuguese representative, has not yet decided on his team for the match against Switzerland on Sunday. He has, however, nominated eight players, of whom only H. A. Alves and R. F. Luz are certain of inclusion as skip and No. 3 respectively. The other six players are L. J. Silva, L. F. Xavier, J. A. Luz, A. A. Remedios, B. Basto and F. V. V. Ribeiro.

SINGLES RESULT

The match between A. S. Russell and J. Cook in the fourth round of the Open Singles, wrongly stated in yesterday's issue to have been unplayable, was decided on the Kowloon C.C. green on Tuesday, Russell winning by 21-7.

Footballers—Attention!

Sign that the local football season is fast approaching can be found in the notice circularised yesterday by the Kowloon Football Club that the club will start training on Friday, August 27, at 5.30 p.m. on the K.F.C. ground. All playing members of the club are earnestly requested to attend.

all round. Sign of the times that it's weakening.

Middlesex make no bones about it. They let 'em all come—Australians, South Africans and what have you?

Thus big Jim Smith, of Middlesex, also up for the Test, is a Wiltshire man and appeared for that county before he was recommended to Lord's.

With his six feet five inches, Smith is a veritable giant and when he is bowling at Lord's, the earth tremors are often felt in South London—or so they say!

His weight and speed cause much havoc to his specially-made footwear and now he wears a strip of steel along the sole of his right boot. In the same way, Morris Nichols, the Essex express, wears a steel toe-cap to prevent a little of the wear and tear of speed-bowling.

NEXT, PLEASE

Fast-bowlers—they come and go. Since 1933, eight men have represented England to sling 'em down hard and fast—Nichols, Larwood, Voce, Barnes, Allen, Gover, Bowes, and Clark. Now come Smith and Wellard. What do the barbers say?

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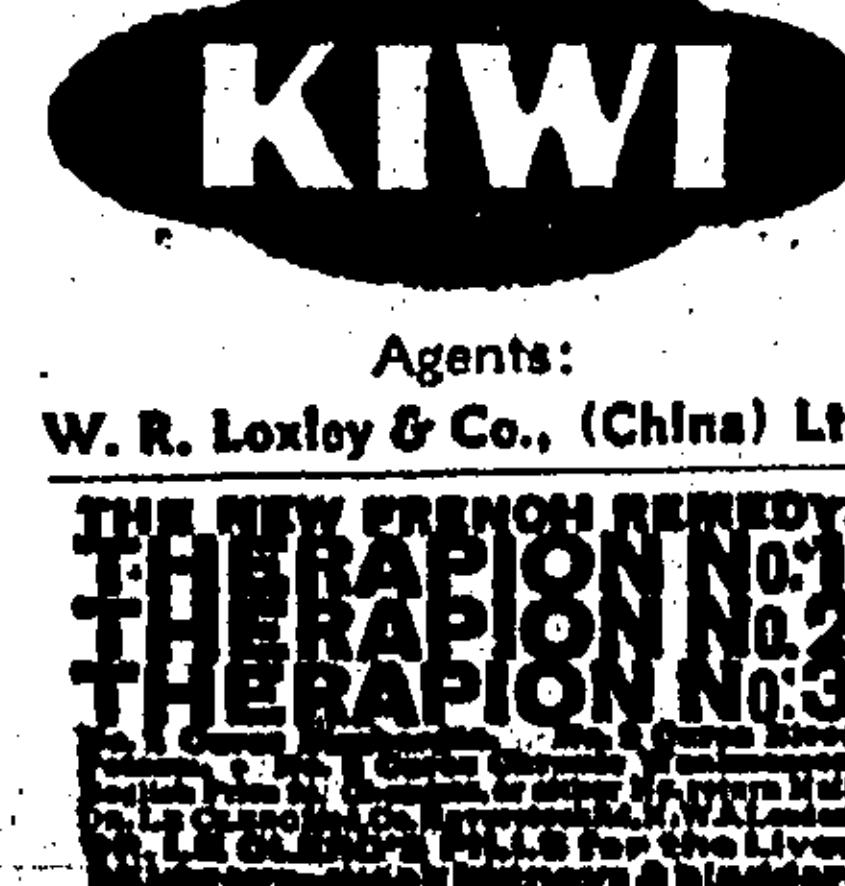
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**YACHTING,
CRICKET,
HOCKEY****THREE ANNUAL
MEETINGS****NEW COMMODORE
CHOSEN**

Although it had no frontage to its premises, the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held its annual meeting last night with a list of successes behind it. A profit was shown as against a loss the previous year and a record number of races were held.

Mr. H. S. Rouse, retiring Commodore, said:

The sub-Committee formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Cock to deal with the question of the finding of another site, has gone into the matter carefully and the position today is that the transfer of the Club to Kellett Island is receiving consideration by Government. Representation has been made with regard to the term of lease and I believe we can be sure that it is fully understood and will be sympathetically reviewed.

There has been a gain in subscriptions from members and subscribers of nearly \$1,500, an index of the appeal which the activities sponsored by our Club has for new arrivals.

Mr. Marshall, seconding, remarked that subscriptions should have been further increased as the extra revenue would relieve the Club of any anxiety on the score of a new Club House and site.

The Report and accounts were adopted.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected: Commodore, Mr. E. Cock; Vice-Commodore, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher; Rear-Commodore, Major G. H. Gandy; Vice-Vice Commodore, H. W. Dally; Treasurer, Lowe; Blighman and Matthews; Sailing Committee, Commodore E. C. Dickey; Messrs. G. W. Scott, G. W. Miller, H. Nassa, C. Trenchard Davis, H. J. Minnitt, Lieut. C. D. A. Ross; Rowing Committee, Messrs. W. Pryde, G. S. P. Hayes, J. E. Scott, A. D. D. Miller, G. S. Carter, M. W. Scott, W. Spangler; Librarian, Mrs. House; Bowls Committee, A. Murdoch; G. E. Costello, B. E. Maughan; House Committee, F. S. Carter, F. J. T. Locke, J. R. L. Stanton.

Mr. A. L. Shields thanked the retiring Commodore for his services and said the Club was sorry that he and Mrs. Rouse, who had also done excellent work, would shortly leave Hongkong.

Mr. Shields asked for more interest in the crusading side of the Club.

Some dissension on the part of members of the "A" Class boats who felt they should have bigger representation on the Sailing Committee led to a ballot and when this did not achieve their notice, they announced that further suggestions would be forthcoming from them.

The report set out that the profit on the working account for the year was \$789, against a loss the previous year of \$643. A new Bowling Green was decided upon and negotiation was going on between the Club and Government with a view to using Kellett Island as a new site for the Yacht Club. The Trevecca Race was to be held annually instead of bi-annually in future.

Four motor yachts, 20 cruisers, 33 racing yachts and 12 comets were now registered and several boats were building. During the season 281 races were held—a record—and 1,950 yachts crossed the starting line.

INDIAN R. C.**Good Year Reported At Annual Meeting**

Satisfaction at the year's working was expressed by Mr. A. el Arculli, presiding at the annual meeting of the Indian R.C. yesterday. He expressed regret at the death of Mr. D. Rumjahn, one of the founders of the Club.

In the field of sport, Mr. Arculli congratulated Mr. A. H. Rumjahn and members of the senior cricket team on their success in the League.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mr. A. el Arculli; Vice-President, Messrs. A. G. R. Minar, Treasurer, S. A. Bumrah; Senior Captain, A. R. Minar; Vice-Captain, A. H. Madar; Junior Captain, H. T. Barua; Vice-Captain, H. D. Rumjahn; Lawn bowls convenor, M. R. Abbas; committee, Dr. H. el Arculli, Badar Singh, H. T. Barua, S. A. R. Ismail, R. Nazar, M. P. Madar, A. H. Madar, A. Rahim.

TO AID CHINA'S WOUNDED

Dr. (Mrs.) Dovey on right busily engaged with another helper in preparing bandages and other necessities for Chinese war wounded. This picture was taken by our staff photographer at the Helens May, where a large number of Hongkong women are assisting in this work of mercy.

THE INFLUENCE OF ARTIFICIAL WICKETS ON CRICKET**LITTLE HOPE OF A RETURN TO THE "NATURAL" PITCHES**

By "Watchman"

Sunshine is cricket's finest tonic; it routs pessimism and puts to shame the stunting "reformers." Under the influence of recent blue skies even those who earlier in the season were declaring that the game was losing its appeal have begun to perceive its beauties. Crowds have rallied to the grounds in the old, enthusiastic way. Yet right in the middle of something close to a heat wave, with all manner of jolly things happening, with big totals and small totals standing side by side, and with plenty of quick finishes, G. O. Allen has been telling us that county cricket will soon be bankrupt unless a drastic change is made in the preparation of wickets. "Back to nature" is his slogan.

Now there is no doubt that in some ways artificial pitches—"doped" pitches as they are now called—have had a bad influence on the game. They have produced scores out of all proportion to the skill of certain batsmen, they have caused a great many dull draws. But to speak of them, as G. O. Allen and many others speak of them, as if they were a comparatively recent innovation, and to say that batting of the past was brighter because wickets were less easy, is to go against the facts.

The artificial preparation of wickets began in the late nineties and flourished in the early seasons of the new century. Never has scoring been higher or bowling more handicapped than at that period. Batsmen who possessed little more than an elongated forward stroke scored their centuries. It was an era of run-

glutted draws. Without the aid of rain even the weakest sides were seldom defeated. There was not time.

At the end of the season of 1899, Lord Harris was moved to write:

"There is no doubt that, for the sake of the game itself, we should

endeavour to bring individual scores

within a reasonable compass."

On some grounds a preparation of clay and water, with other materials,

is poured upon the wicket and forms

a sort of glaze over the top which

renders the wicket as true as a

billiard table.

The difference between an artificial wicket of this

kind and one prepared merely by

rolling and water is quite distinct;

a ball does not bounce nearly so high

on the artificial wicket."

At the same period, A. G. Steel spoke of

wickets which were "utterly devoid

of all life and electricity, on which

the fastest bowler could not make

the ball rise above half-stump high."

Now this, let me emphasise, was nearly forty years ago. Not so very new, the "doped" pitch, after all!

The situation was considered so

bad that early in this century the

M.C.C. issued a request to the county

committee to prevent the grounds-

men from employing top dressing on

their wickets. In some cases the re-

quest had an influence for a time.

But gradually the "hope" was

brought back again. It has been

back ever since.

WHEN ATTACK IS DEFENCE

G. O. Allen and others suggest that the cause of much slow cricket comes from a bowler's despera-

tion. Bowlers—that is the theory—are so

convinced that the wicket will not

give them any help that they keep

a negative length, not far enough up

to drive, not short enough to hook,

and wait for batsmen to get them-

selves out through impatience. It is

unfortunately true that such tactics

are often seen nowadays. But they

were also used by the late Victorians

and the Edwardians, whose "off

theory" also became notorious.

The big difference between then and now

is that the batsmen of old relied

chiefly upon forward play, while the

modern batsmen are almost exclu-

sively back players. The "old school"

rammed forward hard, and if the

timing were correct there was

enough power behind the stroke to

push the ball to the boundary. In

these days a forward stroke is a

rarity. The general practice is for

the batsman to step in front of his

stumps to a fast bowler exactly as

he would to a slow, and to place

himself in such a position that an

in-front-of-the-wicket stroke of any

power is almost impossible. The

reason given for the employment of

such tactics is that present-day

bowlers swerve so much that a for-

ward stroke has become suicidal.

Well, that may be true. If so, the condition of the pitch, no matter how heavily "doped," is not to blame. The wicket doesn't produce the swerve.

When all is said, however, about the peculiarities of modern bowling and the limitations of modern bat-

ting, actual or theoretical, there is little doubt that cricket would be better in health if top-dressing for pitches had not been invented. In that case cricket would have remained a more courageous game.

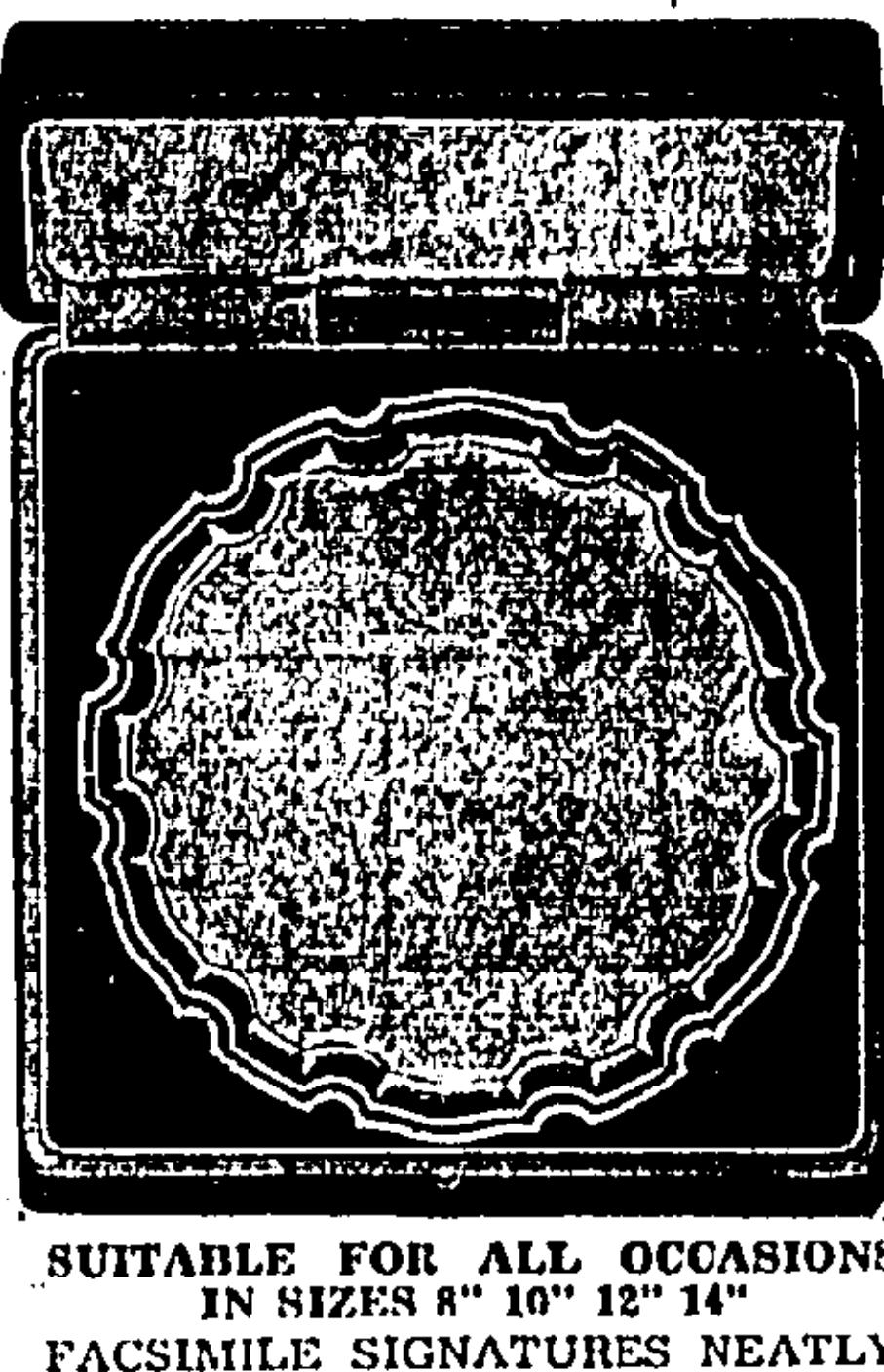
But, although many people urge the banning of the "dope," some of us have reluctantly realised that events have now shaped such a course that it will never be abolished, for wickets naturally prepared mean high-

rising balls, nasty, naughty bumpers which threaten the ribs—if not the head. Our natural wickets, even good-length, fast balls, often kick viciously, and batsmen for years past have been accustomed to gather their runs in such comfort that a ball which gets up a few inches above the stumps is regarded as a menace to limb—not to mention life. Their technique is not designed to manage anything except tranquil bowling. If "dope" were banned the ball would fly high and there would be loud protests. Cricketers who regard a ban on the hand as an outrage are not the people to accept natural wickets. A few "high kickers" and the conditions would be considered murderous and out

would come the artificial preparation again, even as it did, in spite of the M.C.C.'s protest so many years ago.

It is sometimes said that artificial wickets killed fast bowling. What killed a possible revival of fast bowling was the county captains' "gentlemen's agreement." An outcome of it is that if a rising ball happens to hit a batsman, the bowler is at once told to "pitch them up." But a fast bowler without his bumper is handicapped as much as a slow bowler forbidden to use spin. Note that one of Lord Harris's complaints against artificial wickets was that on them the ball did not "bounce nearly as high." Most of the famous fast bowlers of what is known as "the golden age" made free use of the high-risers—rib-rovers, as they were called—and batsmen accepted them as part of the day's work. "I'm bruised all over," said Hayes of Surrey, then a novice, to Tom Hayward after facing Woodcock for the first time.

"Well, you aren't killed, are you?" said Hayward. "No! Then what are you moaning about?" Now a return to natural wickets would mean more bruises, and to-day a bruise is regarded as evidence of criminal assault by the bowler. I greatly fear that natural wickets are gone for ever.

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FIGHTERS in the Spanish Skies

I HAVE fought for seven months in Spain as the commander of the Espana Air Squadron. I have fought at times as a pursuit pilot against German and Italian planes, Heinkels and Fiat, and also as leader of the formation of bombers I have pured explosives on many an enemy position.

I have faced the accurate and deadly fire of the German anti-aircraft guns.

In this article I am going to sum up the value, combativity and efficiency of all the forces present in the Spanish skies.

GERMANS

I shall start with the Germans. Everybody knows that the Germans are remarkable soldiers.

I am only thirty. I was too young to fight against them in 1914. But some of my older comrades, such as Henry Lacleo and Jean Dury, have experienced the courage of the Germans in the World War. I found this out for myself in Spain.

The Germans have a wonderful fighting spirit and a gripping tenacity. When you fight against a German you know for sure that one of the two antagonists will not come out of the battle alive.

The German flyer always holds on, he never gets flittery, even when his aeroplane has been severely damaged by well-placed machine gun fire.

As long as the pilot is not severely wounded, as long as the vital parts of the aeroplane are intact, he goes on fighting.

He looks for trouble. His machine gun fire is always accurate. As soon as his opponent weakens he brings him down. The Germans are experienced fighters.

Though our convictions and political opinions vary greatly, I am obliged to show my admiration for these marvellous pilots, these remarkable sharpshooters, these soldiers.

The Germans are real soldiers...

I had the luck to bring down two German pursuit planes. However it is not the purpose of this article to tell you the story of these epic flights. I undoubtedly had lots of luck. My machine was filled with lead each time.

If I finally brought down my opponents, it is because my plane was better than the Heinkel. It climbed faster and was more manoeuvrable.

ITALIANS

They ran away at Caporetto, they ran away (those who were not killed) at the Guadaljara, but I must confess that their air-force is much more efficient than their infantry.

The Italian airmen are very good

To-day's Thought

I HAVE a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade...
And I to my pleaded word am true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

—ALAN SEECER.

by
ABEL GUIDEZ



The author is thirty years old. At the age of 18 he enlisted in the French military Air Force. He soon graduated as pursuit pilot. Later he left the Army and became a mail pilot.

When the Spanish war broke out he was called by ANDRE MALRAUX to take charge of the Espana Squadron. As commander-in-chief of the Squadron his courage won everybody's admiration. He brought down five enemy pursuit planes. Lately he has fought on the Bilbao front.

pilots. They are well trained, have many hours of flying time, and are well accustomed to the usual tactics of modern aerial warfare...

But something is undoubtedly wrong with them. Their nerves are not as strong as those of the Germans. When the fight goes on, their quality fades away. When their aeroplane is damaged by machine gun fire, their courage melts slowly, but surely.

Of course there are exceptions. Some Italian pilots fight to the end, but very few of them.

Usually, when the trailing bullets of our machine guns came pretty close to the Italian pilot, we did feel that we were going to conquer him. The man in the flat was becoming less and less aggressive.

We had to pull the throttle, we would start simultaneous bursts of our four machine guns. We would aim at the Italian, we would bring him down or force him out of the fight.

The Italian flat is a very good fighting machine, it is superior to the German Heinkel.

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The Russian volunteers are without any doubt the most formidable pilots of the lot. We admit this, and not at all for propaganda purposes.

We worked on many occasions

with the Russians and we always admired their skill. That's why we can ascertain that they are the most redoubtable pilots of the Spanish sky.

Their technique, their natural gift for the most complicated acrobatics, the mathematical precision of their machine-gun fire, their extraordinary contempt for death, place them above all others.

A lone Russian pilot will carry without hesitating a fight against eight or more enemy pursuit planes. He will succumb, perhaps, but he will never give in.

I must admit that they are well helped by first-class material. The Russian aeroplanes are superior to all the types which have been sent to Spain, they are far more dangerous weapons than the Italian and the German machines.

Unfortunately, the Russians sent only very few aeroplanes, and those at the beginning of the war.

As a rule, one finds in Spain six Italian or German machines, for one Russian plane. So it is only on account of the incredible quality of the pilots and of the machines that the Russians can face, and often victoriously, the tremendous quantity of material that the Italians and Germans keep on pouring to Franco.

The Russians are exceptionally well-trained pilots.

At the age of 25 most Russian military pilots can boast of a fly

ing time of well over 2,000 hours. Some of them who were under 30 had around 3,000 flying hours. That is one of the reasons for their marvellous knowledge regarding aerial tactics. Individually they are at least as good as the Germans.

In group formation they outclass all the air armies in the world, their strategic approach when in group is disconcerting to the enemy.

Their mass attacks are like lightning—murderous lightning.

SPANIARDS

Most of the trained and experienced Spanish air officers are on Franco's side. Some were pilots of average ability, others were plainly bad. Only two Spanish pilots are equal to the foreign fighters.

On the Government side there is the young captain-pilot Lacalle. He is the most brilliant aviator of the present Spanish aerial army. He has officially brought down fifteen aeroplanes since he pilots the newest type of Russian monoplane.

Lacalle, whose audacity and temerity have no equal, is considered as death itself by the enemy pilots.

Alas, he is not the only brilliant Spanish aviator.

Captain Acebo who fights with the Rebels in his red flat has brought down more than ten loyalist aeroplanes.

The Spanish Government is doing everything in its power to build up an Air Force of Spanish pilots. We have trained ourselves many young mechanics and students, some the sons of wealthy families, who did not carry the conservative opinions of their parents.

All these youngsters will give before long to democratic Spain a brilliant and strong Air Army.

BRITISH

We can only judge the English from the way the few volunteers fought in Spain.

All were very brave men. They could not give all their worth on account of the lack of fighting machines.

Doherty, who saved my life, was as good a pursuit pilot as any.

He fought six flats single-handed to protect me in my Potez bomber. He brought two flats down and managed to land safely in our lines with five machine-guns bullets in his body. He is now back in Cape Town nursing his wounds and his plantations.

Ben Lyder, aged 19 years, had the courage of a lion, and was finally killed when, single-handed, he fought for 17 minutes against a group of four Heinkels.

Many men have been killed in the Spanish civil war. But I think that it was not all for nothing. The Spanish war has demonstrated the terrific power of the air-arm.

The complete destruction of a town like Guernica makes the civilised world wonder as to the proportions any international conflict would take nowadays.

The anti-aircraft guns are accurate, but they can only bring down a certain percentage of the planes they are aiming at. There is really no way of preventing the destruction of a town by enemy aircraft.

The only answer to destruction is destruction.

BUT that to the staplers. It looks like good or indifferent wool to them.

There is no wool-gathering about the stapler's methods.

Before it is unrolled, he sees the health chart of the sheep on the skin-side of its fleece.

"Here's a sheep that has not been happy. Had a cold, I expect."

"Look at this scrubby lot. A poor, old root-fed ewe that has got to the end of its tether."

"Take a smell at that one. Musty."

Means that they were shorn damp.

That makes the staple tender later."

That word runs through the talk like a refrain, the staple...

The staple is the lock which is pulled from the fleece to test the general quality.

Its name comes down from the days when the wool trade was the staple trade of England.

What is looked for in the staple?

Length in the coarse wools, fineness in the down wools, strength and elasticity in both.

EXCEPT for the mountains of wool in the background, the sale tent looks rather like a village hall laid out for a whilst drive.

With their catalogues as scoring-cards, the staplers sit down to battle.

The bidding is like the rattle of machine-gun fire, with farthings as the bullets.

All this vast bulk of wool is sold by the pound, or the smallest coin of the realm is the unit of bidding.

The bidders rap out their shots against each other with bewildering swiftness, and from his high, precarious seat upon a table, the auctioneer shoots back.

The fight goes on without cessation, punctuated by loud, sharp volleys when six shots ring out at once.

Thursday showed that in bad weather its value falls away much more rapidly than that of the warship.

Taking the whole year round,

it is clear that the day when aircraft can wholly supplant the warship, even in coastal warfare, has not yet come.

Thursday the auctioneer has to decide whose was the winning shot.

The rush when the battle is ended falls over the tent like soft wool.

Fifty-two thousand fleeces have been sold in two hours and nine minutes. The auctioneer could do with a drink.

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For this reason, it seems a pity that the Blue Fleet was brought to within 50 miles of the Red Coast

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The possible loss of the Courageous did not matter in this exercise because the opposing navy was insignificant. But it would matter a lot if the enemy had a strong navy.

In such cases admirals are likely to be very wary of hazarding on coastal raids the carriers which they certainly will want badly in a fleet action.

It is also important to know how far out shore-based aircraft can keep up regular and efficient observation patrol over the sea. As it was the close proximity of the Blue Forces at the start of the exercises made the flying boats' problem comparatively easy.

An interesting minor episode was the attack made on the Courageous by the flying boat which first sighted her, with the result that the flying boat was adjudged to have been shot down.

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Now there's a boom in wool

HOUSES go up in America. The price of wool goes up in England.

You think that the connection between the two is very vague? Not at all.

There is a building boom in the United States. When people build houses they want carpets for the floors.

So there is a demand for the strong wools which make the carpet yarns—the fleeces of Lincoln Longwools, Mashams, Devons, and the Black-faced Scotch.

We have had a building boom of our own. From one cause and another the stocks of coarse wools throughout the world are at exhaustion point.

So wool goes up like a rocket, 50 per cent. on last year.

THE BRITISH public are earning more money. So they are buying more suits and hoseyns, and knitting themselves more jumpers.

All these bring in the soft fine wools of the Southdowns, the Hampshire Downs, and various other down-crossed sheep.

Come and see your clothing in the raw.

The English wool sales are at their height in the heart of the down country on which the shorn flocks are grazing.

At Winchester is held the oldest wool auction sale in the country.

And it was at Winchester that the first wool factory was erected in England. The Romans saw to that.

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**NEWS OF THE DAY
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FROM FAR AND NEAR**

Hongkong Telegraph **PHOTONEWS**

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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



MADRID THE OBJECTIVE—Fierce fighting hitherto unequalled in Spain's already bloody civil war, has developed as the insurgents throw wave after wave of men and war machines into an effort to capture the capital city of Madrid. This recent picture shows conditions there. A direct hit by an artillery shell has been scored on the Piccadilly Bar, smoke still drifting away.

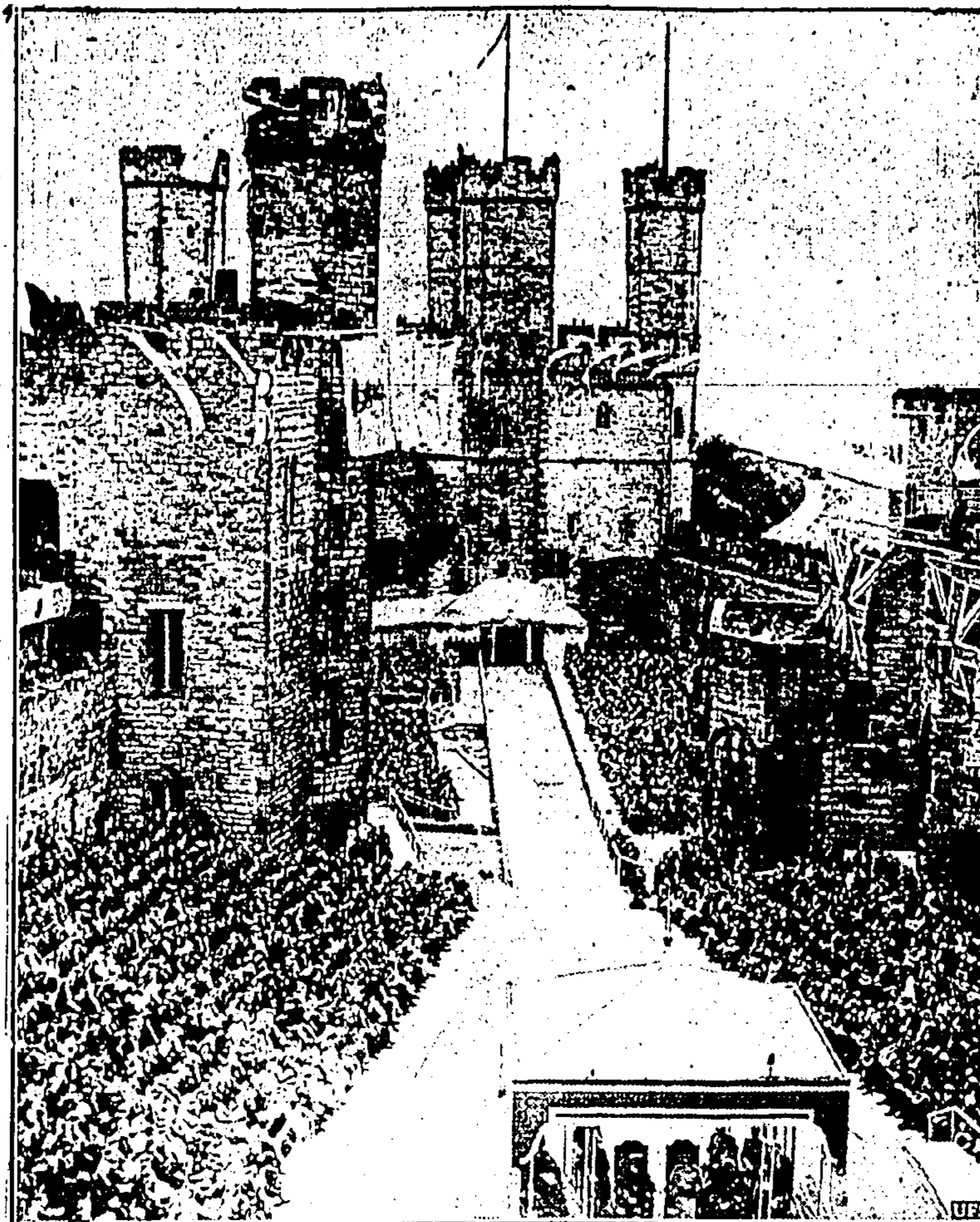


"I WANT A DIVORCE"—Mrs. Eleanor Holm Jarrett, swimming star barred from the last Olympics, said in Cleveland that she had discussed a divorce with her orchestra leader husband, Arthur Jarrett. Mrs. Jarrett is starring at the Great Lakes Exposition aquaplane, while her husband is appearing at the Dallas Exposition in Texas. She said she hadn't seen him for 14 weeks.



DENIED CHILD STAR'S CONTROL—Miss Myllieent Bartholomew was praised by the Judge in a Los Angeles court for caring for her nephew, Freddie, 13-year-old film star, but her petition for full control of his \$20,000 estate was denied. The Judge believed a local trust company was a better agent. Miss Bartholomew and her famed nephew are shown at the hearing.

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HEALTH—Exhibiting their healthy bodies, here is a close-up of athletes from the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, one of the Soviet Union states, marching in the physical culture parade in Red Square, Moscow. The parade marked the 20th anniversary of the proletarian revolution and adoption of the Stalin Constitution. More than 100,000 men and women marched.

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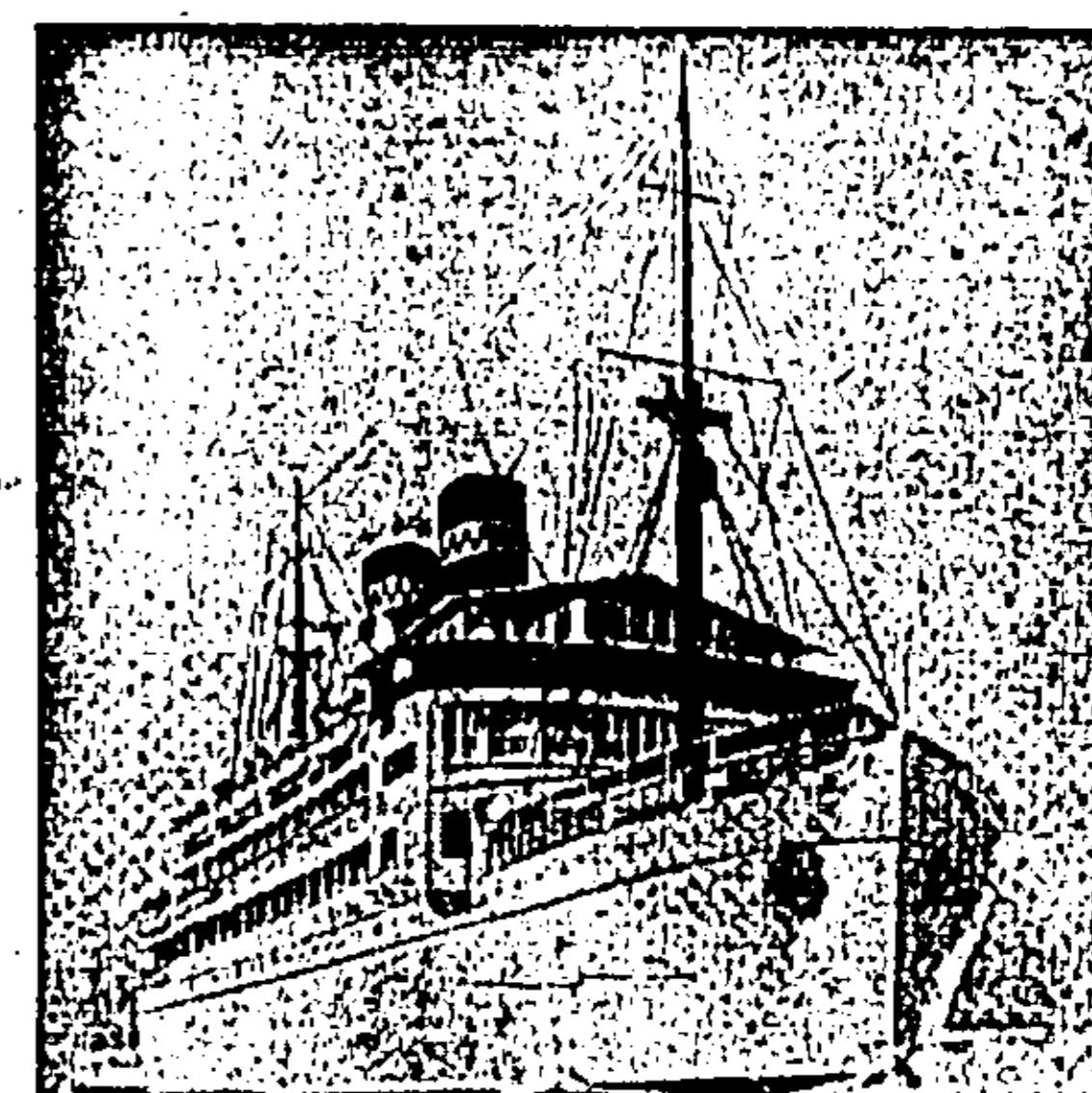
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Graphic picture revealing the death and destruction wrought by a shell when it fell in Nanking Road, Shanghai, last week. Hundreds were killed and injured and many European buildings badly damaged. Here can be seen rescue workers searching for wounded as they picked their way amongst lifeless forms and debris.

**SANTANDER
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OUR HANDS"**Government Heads
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Closing InHendaye, Aug. 25.
Santander has fallen, according to the latest despatches reaching here from the Insurgent battle lines.

A Salamanca radio broadcast states: "While the Government Army was hastening its retreat at the last minute, Insurgent sympathisers within the capital of the Basque province seized Government buildings and, aided by the Civil Guards, without bloodshed prevented extremists from destroying the city."

"Four columns of our troops are now approaching the capital. Santander is entirely within our hands."

Later, an announcement from General Francisco Franco's headquarters stated that the imprisonment of 35,000

Loyalists in Santander was impending
—United Press.

REFUGEE ON H.M.S. KEITH

Hendaye, Aug. 25.
The British destroyer Keith embarked from Santander to-day a mixed party of Britons. Insurgents and Basque officials, including 17 Insurgent hostages brought by the Basques from Bilbao, Senor Aguirre, who is Captain of the Port of Santander, and other members of the Basque Government.

The Basque President, Senor Aguirre, and Senor Torre, Foreign Minister, and Senor Monzon, Minister of Justice, have arrived at Bayonne.—Reuter.

SURRENDER REPORTED

Paris, Aug. 25.
The Insurgent Army before Santander announces the Government of the city has surrendered following a revolt by part of the population, supported by the police, and shock troops. Street fighting is in progress and the Insurgents are now only four miles away, but possibly will not enter the city until to-morrow.

Later, the Insurgent High Command stated that 15,000 Government troops still in Santander had surrendered.—Reuter.

SUBURBS ENTERED

Bilbao, Aug. 26.
The Insurgents have entered the south-west suburbs of Santander and the Government forces are making a last stand in the surrounding hills with machine-guns and rifles. The

—Reuter.

**CHALLENGE TO
FORD MOTORS**LABOUR AGAIN IN
DICTATOR'S ROLE

New York, Aug. 25.

A new challenge has been made to the Ford Motor Company by the Union of Motor Workers, which is affiliated with the C.I.O.

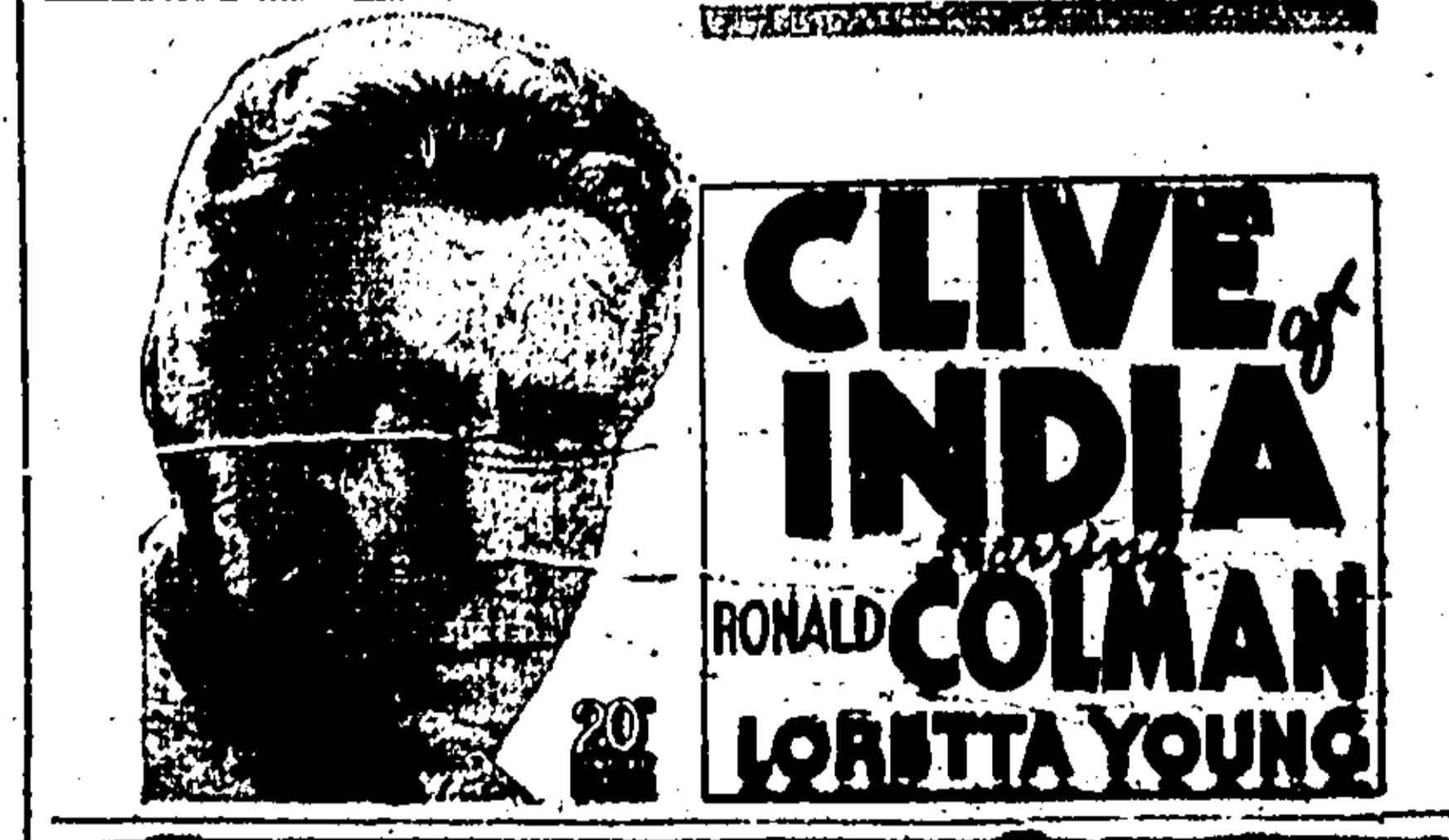
The President of the Union at a meeting to-day, declared, amid cheers, "We said to Mr. Ford, 'If you want to continue to manufacture cars in the United States you will have to put a union label on those Fords.'"—Reuter.

ANARCHY AND HORROR

St. Jean de Luz, Aug. 26.
A Canadian, named Gascoyne, until recently an officer with the Basque

Nationalists, was among the refugees arriving here last night aboard H.M.S. Keith. He relates the terrible conditions of Santander last night and the night previous, there was neither light nor water, and no civil organisation.

Looting and indiscriminate firing broke out in every street and sheer anarchy and horror reigned.—Reuter.

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Japanese Forced To Fight Every Yard Of Way Towards S'hai

GENERAL OFFENSIVE ORDERED WHEN ORIGINAL ASSAULT MEETS GRIM RESISTANCE

Shanghai, Aug. 26.

The Japanese, instead of their anticipated rapid advance with mechanised units, are now finding their progress towards Shanghai very slow indeed.

The Japanese Commander-in-Chief, directing operations from a secret headquarters protected against Chinese air raids, has encountered the necessity of incurring losses because his infantry must fight yard by yard for their ground, storming Chinese trenches which are held doggedly, despite the preliminary heavy air and sea bombardments.

One Chinese aircraft, flying very low to machine-gun advancing infantry, was shot down by anti-aircraft batteries to-day, in the vicinity of Liuho.

Since daylight to-day there have been clear skies and sunshine. The humidity is intense.

SEVERE CASUALTIES

There has been extremely severe fighting. On a long line five miles inland a major battle is raging as the Japanese thrust up from the Yangtze where they first landed three days ago. The strongly entrenched Chinese have inflicted very heavy casualties upon the Japanese attackers. The Chinese are also losing large numbers of men.

The Japanese, however, have had numerous field officers, including captains, company and battalion commanders among their casualties.

Chinese aircraft are flying daringly low, bombing and machine-gunning the Japanese lines and increasing the havoc in the Japanese ranks.

The fighting front extends eastward from Tatsang, through Lotien, then curves south between the Yangtze, Liuho and Tazang in the direction of the Shanghai Civic Centre, now a ruin, at Kiangwan.

Because the Chinese have definitely retarded the Japanese advance which began on Wednesday at dawn, the Japanese Commander-in-Chief has ordered a major offensive all along the line. Artillery and aerial bombardments are now paving the way for a renewed assault by the weary infantry.—United Press.

WARSHIP SINKING CONFIRMED

Shanghai, Aug. 25. Foreign travellers who arrived here yesterday from Vancouver aboard the Empress of Canada, confirm the report of the sinking of a Japanese warship off Woosung. They told interviewers here that they saw one vessel submerged and another cruiser seriously damaged by a shell off the Yangtze delta.—Central News.

No General Evacuation

Reports that plans for a general evacuation have been completed are emphatically denied, as is the statement, made yesterday, that the British were asking that artillery be sent from Hongkong.

An official told Reuter to-day: "Nothing more in the way of men or guns is coming from Hongkong. (Continued on Page 5.)

STOP PRESS

CHINESE COMMANDERS AT WORK



Here are three officers of the 88th Division of the Chinese Army engaging the Japanese forces in the hostilities in Shanghai. They seem carefully studying a map with reference to their troop movements in the Yangtze district.

BATTLES RAGE OVER WIDENING NORTHERN AREA

Heavy Fighting Near Peiping, Tientsin

COLUMN NEARS REAR OF NANKOW DEFENCES

Tientsin, Aug. 26. The Japanese now officially claim to have captured Kalgan and Huailai, north-west of Nankow Pass.

This means that the troops of the Dolonor column are cutting in behind the 50,000 Chinese who are defending the Nankow Pass against a powerful Japanese thrust from the direction of Peiping. There has been severe fighting in this area.

Meanwhile, fighting is raging around Peiping. According to reports reaching here, after two days' bombardment the Japanese claim to have captured two hills, within 15 miles of Peiping, which Chinese held tenaciously.

The Japanese in the Peiping sector are attacking two Chinese divisions which are threatening their right flank.

The country around Peiping is infested with "marauders" against whom the Japanese are conducting a "mopping up" campaign. Firing can be heard in all directions outside the city walls at night.

The British and American Embassies have again drawn the attention of the Japanese Government to the tendency of its troops to use the diplomatic quarters of Peiping as a base of operations.

The Japanese military authorities are still impressing labour, commandeering transport and requisitioning supplies. Searches of Chinese premises and arrests of Chinese suspected as actively antagonistic still continue.—Reuter.

Powerful Armies Opposed

Tientsin, Aug. 25. (8.10 a.m.) Severe fighting is continuing at Chinghai, south of Tientsin.

The Japanese claim they have six divisions, or 130,000 men in the Peiping-Tientsin area, and that they have not yet completed their concentration. No troops are still pouring in by land and sea.

The Chinese forces total about 10 divisions in the same area, or 100,000, of which eight divisions are believed to be Central Government troops.

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Tsingtao Tension

Tsingtao, Aug. 20. Efforts towards securing withdrawal of San Fu-chu's troops apparently having failed, the remaining

KWANGSI PLANES FOR CANTON

Troops Already Sent North

Canton, Aug. 25. Interviewed by reporter, Mr. Kan Chung-wah, chief of the Canton office of the Kwangsi Provincial Headquarters, stated that the military authorities of Kwangsi have decided to despatch a squadron of aeroplanes to Kwangtung for the purpose of defending the province against possible air attacks by the enemy, although his office has not yet received any information as to exact time the aeroplanes will arrive here.

"The inclement weather to-day may delay the coming of the Kwangsi aeroplanes," said Mr. Kan, "but they may arrive at any moment as the distance between Canton and Nanning or Kweihsien requires, but about one hour of flying."

Continuing his interview, Mr. Kan said there are at present about 200,000 trained volunteers in Kwangsi, ready at any moment for war service. He added that five divisions of Kwangsi regular troops have already proceeded North to participate in the fighting there, but actual participation has not yet taken place. The divisions under General Ou Sou-nin and others are

(Continued on Page 8.)

JAPANESE MAY SEARCH COAST SHIPS AT WILL

Blockade Against China Effective Immediately

Shanghai, Aug. 26 (12.27 p.m.).

That foreign shipping along the China Coast may be halted by Japanese warships patrolling the proscribed area of blockade was indicated to-day by Dr. Jumpei Shinobu, Professor of International Law and adviser to the Japanese Fleet in China waters.

He said that while foreign vessels could not be seized, detained or compelled to change their course, they were liable to boarding by Japanese naval officers bent on ascertaining a ship's true nationality, in case of any doubt.

Japan In Cleft Stick?

Conquest May Be Fruitless

London, Aug. 26.

In a leading article on the Sino-Japanese conflict, the Times says the wider political aspects of the war are to some extent dominated by a paradox. In order to conquer Japan must destroy; yet if she destroys too much the conquest will be fruitless.

The aim, dictated by Japan's own interests, is the subjugation rather than the overthrow of the Nanking Government. The collapse of the central authority in China would double the invader's difficulties and halve the victor's rewards, but the existence of the central authority depends on its armed forces, and to defeat these without disintegrating China and cutting Japan's own economic life will require precision of aim and delicacy of timing which the hotheads of the Japanese Army are not too much the best fitted to provide.

Referring to the campaign in North China, the Times says it foreshadows control by Japan of the Peiping-Pao-tow Railway, whose seizure by Japan would be, for strategic reasons, a matter of immediate concern to Moscow.

Among the many dangers which beset Japan on the war path, remarks the Journal, the greatest is the threat of intervention by Soviet Russia. This threat, if it develops at all, is unlikely to do so until Japan is even more deeply and in a more dispersed manner committed in China than she is at present.—Reuter.

Professor Shinobu added that inasmuch as this was not a wartime blockade "we are unable to stop foreign vessels from carrying armaments to China. However, we can take such effective measures as the exercising of the privilege of pre-emption towards foreign bottoms found carrying cargo which in wartime would constitute contraband."

A Japanese Navy spokesman, questioned regarding Admiral Hasegawa's proclamation of a blockade of the China Coast, said Japan was not contemplating at present any action against foreign ships carrying war materials to China.

Chinese ships found in the prohibited area would be detained, but neither sunk nor seized unless they attempted to escape. Ships bearing refugees, he added, would be allowed to pass after inspection.

Up to now there have been no seizures but the blockade became effective with the Admiral's proclamation.

The area within which the ships of China are prohibited extends from 32 degrees 4 minutes North Latitude to 121 degrees 44 minutes east longitude to 23 degrees 14 minutes North Latitude and 110 degrees 49 minutes East Longitude—an area lying roughly between Shanghai and a point some miles south of Swatow.—Reuter.

Instructions To Navy

Shanghai, Aug. 26. Admiral Hasegawa, amplying his plans for the China blockade, insisted no steps against foreign ships are contemplated even if they are carrying arms. Chinese shipping would be detained, not seized, and Japanese warships had been instructed not to fire on or sink ships unless they ignored signals to halt.

The area of the blockade is roughly from Shanghai to point south of Swatow.—United Press.

Clarification

Tokyo, Aug. 26. It is understood the Foreign Office is contemplating an early communiqué announcing the blockade of the China Coast is not designed to interfere with foreign trade. The Foreign Office proposes to clarify certain angles, it is believed.

Meanwhile, no-one here is commenting on the aspects of the blockade in relation to Mr. Cordell Hull's recent statement on the status of the Far East fighting.—United Press.

Considered Grave Step

London, Aug. 25. The announcement of the blockade of Chinese ports is regarded as a grave step here, possibly presaging the closing of all ports on the China coast.

Following an urgent Cabinet consultation a communiqué announced the Government shares the anxiety of the United States regarding the damage to the Far East generally from the present fighting and welcomes the appeal made by Mr. Cordell Hull to both sides to cease hostilities.—United Press.

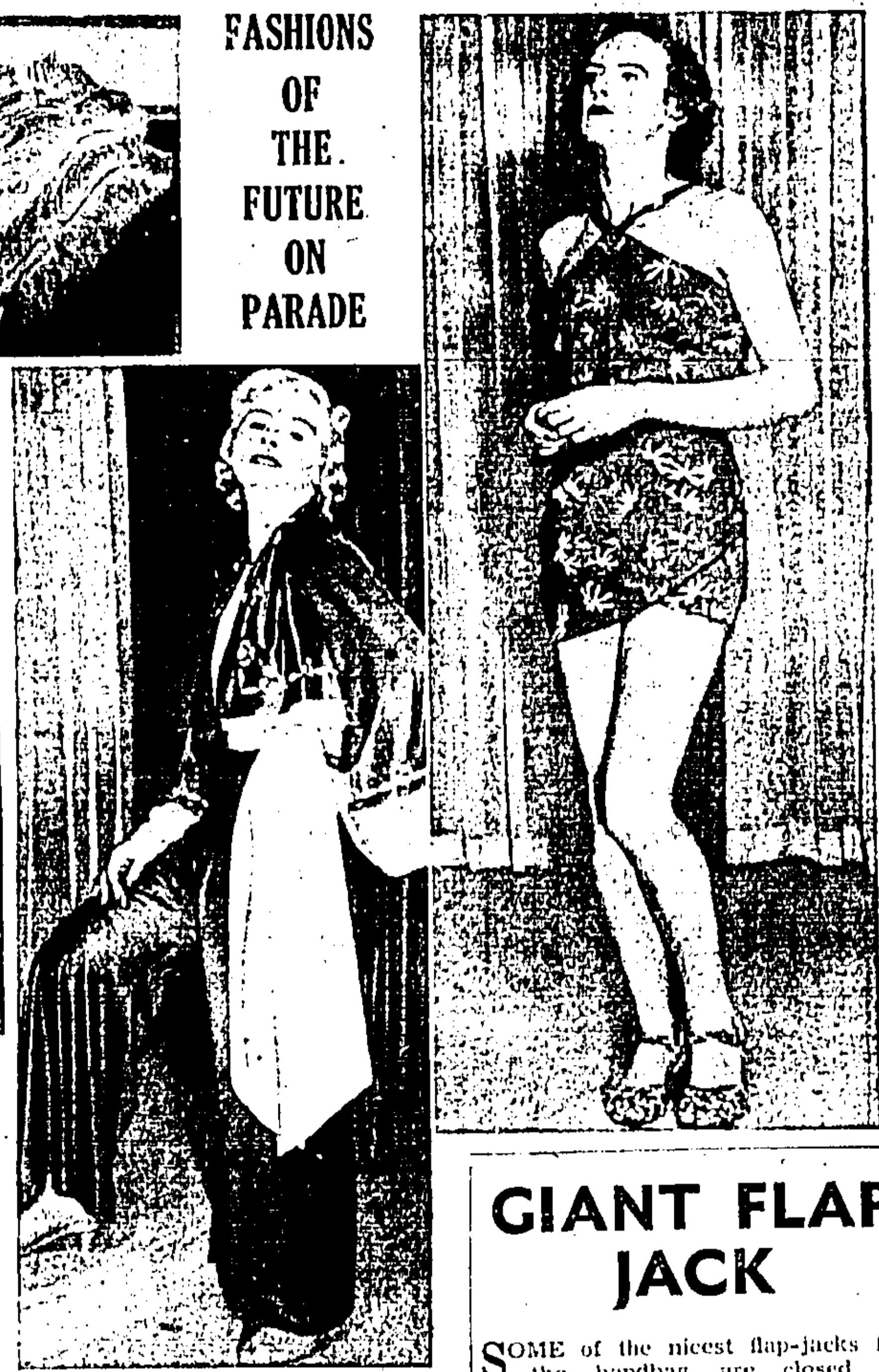
Silver Weakness

London, Aug. 25. The weakness of silver, which has fallen a further sixteenth of a penny since the opening of trading, is attributed to speculative selling. In addition, the large stocks of white metal sent to port arriving in quantities from Canton should be seen on the market.—Reuter.

PAGE FOR WOMEN



FASHIONS
OF
THE
FUTURE
ON
PARADE



The white and silver evening gown is in simple jersey material. "Celanese" knitted satin is used for the Bolero pyjama suit in wine and turquoise, while (right) red "Celanese" jersey fabric patterned with white daisies makes this original beach suit.

HAY DIET HINTS

No Sugar With Those Baked Apples

What is the best way to thicken can you suggest any variety of spinach soup for a protein meal so fruit or sweet flat which might be from the liquid?

After the soup is cooked beat up mixture is permissible if made with two egg yolks and diluted cream instead carefully. Reheat, but do not boil, and stir to prevent any chance of curdling. If you prefer it, you may use thick tinned cream. Put the cream into a basin and, stirring the whole time, gradually add the hot soup. Serve immediately.

As chocolate is said to contain sugar and milk, it seems that it cannot be permissible in the Hay Diet and yet some Hay recipes use it for flavouring. Is it a special chocolate?

Although Dr. Hay does not recommend the use of chocolate, he says that a little used for flavouring is not harmful. He does, however, suggest that unsweetened chocolate should be used if procurable. An American firm markets a very good unsweetened chocolate in this country.

Are baked apples permissible in the Hay Diet?

If cooked without sugar, baked apples are recommended in the Hay Diet. Should you consider this to be sour you might stuff the apples with raisins or currants and top with a small knob of butter then bake in the usual way. A stuffing of grated cheese is unusual and appetising.

MAKE YOUR BATHING SUIT LAST

By Mary Benedetta.

BATHING dresses receive such bad treatment from their owners that it is surprising they survive as long as they do.

Here are some things to remember if you really want to make your bathing costume last.

When you have been in salt water rinse your bathing suit in fresh water as soon after your bath as you can.

If you put it into one of the wringers which some swimming clubs have, be careful not to let it get near the cogwheels at the side. If you are squeezing it by the back of his bathing dress, most fond parents do this in their attempt to prevent him from swallowing too much water.

Bathing suits are not things to have dried. Have your costume fitted by an expert, and get it just right for you when it is new, out by hand do not twist it.

Never be tempted to hang it up. Then once you have worn it in on a nail. It is best to put it on a water it will be an excellent fit.

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Dark Handbags Are Smartest And Spacious Designs Are Streamlined

By Violet Craig

SMART handbags show more detail very chaste in design, set on to a of design than they used to do, slender gilt frame, and it has three Many of the designs are really lovely gilt medallions chained together and though some show a little too much looped across the front.

Ornamentation for the taste of more conservative women.

Surely nobody, however, could fail to notice that one can possibly need during the afternoon or evening are now gathered to a matching suede covered frame. Some of them have cut out petals of the same leather coming from beneath the frame. Or a decoration in the front of the bag, very narrow fring of the leather may or take the form of a clasp on the decorate the top just beneath the top of the frame.

Another idea is to gather the top of a suede afternoon bag into a little band, leaving a frill at the top, and fixing upon it two loop handles with which to carry it.

Small And Suede

THERE are small suede bags of triangular shape which have a decorative class on the top, and a long handle fixed to the sides.

Stiff oval frames are set upon soft suede bags with the lower portion of bags shaped like a rather limp pyramid.

The newest version of the flat handbag opens along the top. It is re-inforced at the corners with metal and has a matching metal clasp.

Another bag decorated with metal is also made of black suede. It is when travelling.

Especially For Sports

THEN we have the bags which are intended for sports wear, and travelling. I liked a bag made of natural coloured straw of pyramid shape, for use with summer frock. It had a plain belt to match it. There are small, flat pochettes, too, which hold a puff, your money and a handbag and yet are neat enough to slip into your pocket.

Pigskin is good for travelling bags. You can get them with a slide frame and a hidden outside partition for your passport and other papers.

Another type of very useful bag has several oil silk lined compartments as well as various inside divisions for all the things you need

is also made of black suede. It is when travelling.

A Place Of His Own

IN bygone days when homes were more roomy and labour cheaper, it used to be a simple matter to provide a special room for the children where they could keep their belongings and lay out games on the floor which need not be put away every evening.

With all the advantages offered to children in these modern times there is still something to be said for earlier methods, when the children were not constantly in adult company and when they were more free to throw themselves naturally into their pursuits without finding themselves perpetually "in the limelight."

It is excellent training to make provision for the child as regards his having a place to himself; admittedly it is not always easy to manage this in a small house where every room is fully occupied but, with a little careful planning, this can generally be managed to the ultimate comfort of parents and children alike.

A large pen in the corner of the sitting-room or sitting-room is excellent for the toddler. It should be raised on a platform to avoid floor-draughts and railing are only required for two sides, the others being replaced by the walls of the room. Cover one wall to a height of three feet with blackboard surface; this will provide excellent amusement for the youngster who will like to draw on it with coloured chalks; the surface can always be washed clean with a damp sponge. A small cupboard against the other wall will serve as a home for the baby's toys and this cupboard will add to the charm of this nursery corner.

Privacy for the Adolescent

Much of the moodiness restlessness of early adolescence is probably due to the fact that the child feels that there is not enough sympathy paid to the fact that he or she is growing up.

At this stage the youngster resents being clasped with smaller brothers and sisters who have more childish interests. Here again a place of his own will do much to help the child's development. The house may have to be rearranged with this end in view, but parents will be well repaid for any extra trouble that this may cause.

Let the adolescent have a room to himself whenever possible, even if it has occasionally to be used as a guest room.

The fact that he or she has a place where "treasures" can be stored in a friend's letters, should it contain, what to her is an unforgivable sin, a word misplaced.

She has missed much with grammatical consciousness that she dismisses unwordly all the fun and loyalty of a friend's letters, should it contain, what to her is an unforgivable sin, a word misplaced.

Perfect English is a joy to hear, but, after all, it is sometimes fun to split an infinitive.

H. Hunter.

The Grammar-Conscious Woman

HAVE you ever met the woman who is incessantly grammatical?

At all times of the day her mind is painfully attuned to—the slightest grammatical error on the part of any one of us; to see that we have got our "ense" right, our "comparatives" and "superlatives" adjusted, and above all, our infinitives unsplitt.

Unnecessary, perhaps, to mention that she is not a popular member of our circle. We may admire her for the good qualities she possesses, but for this attitude of the word-perfect amateur to spring on the ungrammatical sparrow, we cannot find it in our hearts to excuse her.

We have tried to reason with her, but our efforts have ever been in vain. Probably she does not realise her dampening effect on our usual bright and cheery conversation, but for all that she does create a chilling effect. None of us relishes being brought grammatically to heel, and therefore our conversation, in her presence often becomes, in self-defence, more than a little stilted.

It is not only in general conversation that this grammar-conscious woman inflicts upon us her correcting manner, which at times, amounts to actual rudeness but of letters too, she nominates herself the judge.

The composition of many a friendly letter to her, is completely spoiled by the thought that unless it be word perfect, its recipient will pass over all the kindly thought and heed only the apparent slip of the pen.

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Cardinals Win Twice

Leaders Beaten
By N.Y. Giants

New York, Aug. 25.
To-day's results in the National League heightened interest in the outcome for the season, for each of the three leaders, and Pittsburgh as well, has an excellent chance of winning the pennant.

Chicago, at the top of the table, lost valuable points to New York dropping a grim 11-inning struggle, seven to eight, and the second game by two to four. Ripple's homer was the Giants' fifteenth hit, and it won the day in the opener. Cubs had four errors in this game.

Meanwhile, St. Louis, in third position and within striking distance of the Giants and Cubs, vastly improved its chances by twice hammering Brooklyn, four to two and five to two. Brinkley's Homer in the opener failed to stem the Cardinals' attack.

Pittsburgh blanked Boston, scoring six times and holding Bees to only six hits, Bauer pitching.

The Cincinnati - Philadelphia double-header was postponed.

In the American League, Detroit scored a ten to four win over Philadelphia, York and Gehrig hitting home runs.

Cleveland defeated Boston eight to one.

New York beat Chicago, ten to five.

Boston won from Cleveland, seven to two, and Washington out St. Louis, seven to six.—Reuter.

CHALLENGE TO FORD MOTORS

LABOUR AGAIN IN DICTATOR'S ROLE

New York, Aug. 25.
A new challenge has been made to the Ford Motor Company by the Union of Metal Workers, which is affiliated with the C.I.O.

The President of the Union at a meeting to-day declared amid cheers: "We said to Mr. Ford, 'If you want to continue to manufacture cars in the United States, you will have to put a union label on those Fords.'—Reuter.

WATER LEVELS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS

The River Conservancy Bureau for Kwangtung Province issues the following report on water levels, in metres, for the West, North and East Rivers: Highest, Lowest, Place of observation record record 24/8 25/8 West River at ... 24.20 -0.70 +14.03 Wu-chow ... 12.00 0 +10.03 Shih-ling ... 12.00 0 +10.03 North River at ... 12.00 0 +4.03 +4.01 Tsin-yuen ... 12.00 0 +4.03 Northern River ... 8.41 -1.52 +0.40 East River at ... 4.72 -0.62 +2.00 Shieh-kung ... 4.72 -0.62 +2.00 *no telegraphic report. ***no report.

HOPS OF PAMIR RANGE

Berlin, Aug. 25.
A Lufthansa plane, the Rudolf von Thulsen, has landed at Amsitan, southwest Kansu, after an 11-hour flight over the Pamir Mountains from Kabul, a distance of 1,550 miles, which is believed to complete the first hop over this range.—Reuter.

NANKING ROAD SHAMBLES



Graphic picture revealing the death and destruction wrought by a shell when it fell in Nanking Road, Shanghai, last week. Hundreds were killed and injured and many European buildings badly damaged. Here can be seen rescue workers searching for wounded as they picked their way amongst lifeless forms and debris.

Indiscipline On Warspite

Action Against Officers And Men

London, Aug. 25.
It is understood that the battleship Warspite will sail for the Mediterranean on September 2, subject to the satisfactory carrying out of new machinery trials.

The report of the Court of Inquiry into the misunderstanding which arose in June last with reference to week-end leave in Warspite has been received, and from that finding it is evident that the discipline of certain ratings on that occasion was unsatisfactory. It also shows that the handling of the situation was not entirely satisfactory.

The Admiralty has thought it desirable and wise to issue orders for the removal of a number of ratings, numbering not more than nine or ten, from the ship to other ships. It has also given instructions for two or three men to be discharged from the Navy, their services being no longer required. Further the admiralty has decided that it is necessary to relieve from their appointment three of the officers of the ship.

Discipline on board the Warspite is now entirely satisfactory. The Court of Inquiry consisted of three senior naval officers.—British Wireless.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.

H.K. Banks, \$1,650 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £99¹/₂ n.
Chartered Bank, £17³/₄ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £33¹/₂ n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £15 n.
East Asia Bank, \$101 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$300 n.
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T.T. Australia 1/6¹/₂

Buying.

U.S. Cross rate in London 4.98¹/₂

pine tree painting can well be seen from the picture entitled "Landscape" by Miss Fung Mu-ching (26). In this picture not only is the sense of beauty seen in the form and colour of the subject but in the craftsmanship itself as well.

M. Ng Mul-hock paints in many different styles so that his four pictures (21, 22, 55 and 56) reveal the great divergence of style in each picture.

In all Mr. Kam Nai-ming's paintings (28, 51 and 52), however, there is a quality of flatness and decoration; while in Lau Kwan-yam's "Landscape" (57) the colour scheme is unusually warm in key.

The pictures are divided into three parts: Part One consists of pictures exhibited at the National Exhibition already mentioned; Part Two consists of entries accepted but not hung on account of lack of space; while Part Three includes a few pictures by the exhibitors which were previously shown at Exhibitions held in various parts of the world.

On the whole, the Exhibition proves an unusually high merit and standard attained by the Hongkong Chinese artists.

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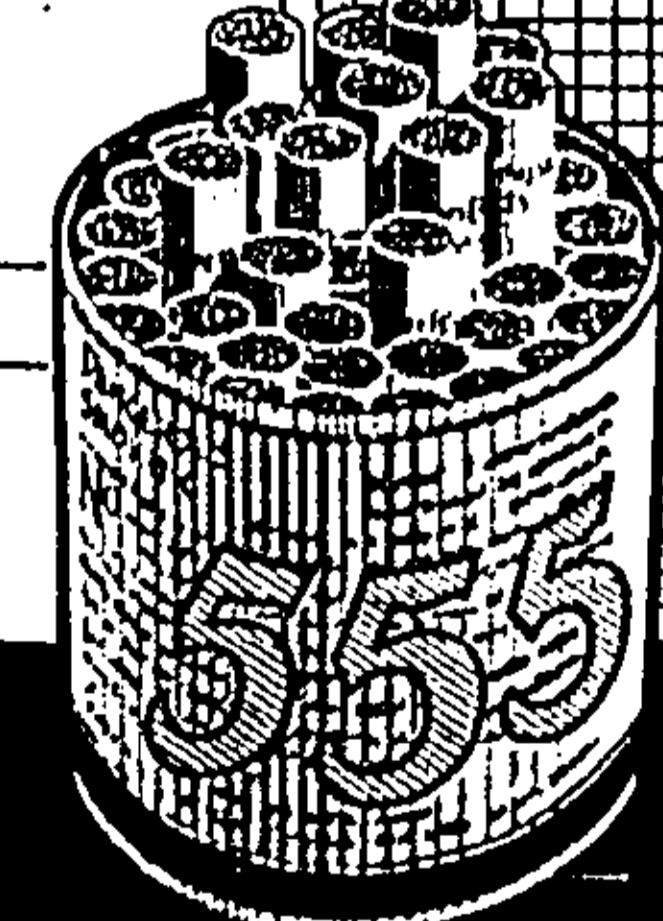
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A BESPECTACLED NATION

(Continued from Page 6.)

those of fifty years ago, and much of the reading is done by artificial light. It is strange but true that with artificial lighting obtainable almost everywhere at a very low cost, we still have not learned to use it correctly.

In almost every home you can see lights so placed that they cause a strain for reading or sewing. In a recent year, 180,000 pairs of spectacles were prescribed for schoolchildren. The number of children with defective vision in secondary schools is roughly double that at elementary schools, suggesting that the cause is more intensive study.

The commonest deficiencies are shortsightedness, known to oculists as myopia, and wrong focus, technically astigmatism. I have both, and have worn glasses, for twenty years, but suffer less from strain and can see more clearly than some of my friends who are convinced their sight is perfect.

If you suffer from myopia you can see more clearly by screwing up your eyes and forcing the little muscles back into place. If you see a child screwing up its eyes, you can guess this is the trouble.

The eyesight of many people changes from year to year, not necessarily for the worse. The best bargain I ever made was to "insure" my sight against change. I have had four new pairs of lenses without cost.

Although amongst schoolchildren there seem to be slightly more boys affected than girls, amongst adults the percentage is reversed. In a test, 60 women were found to have defective eyesight against 40 men.

The explanations offered were that fewer women use their eyes for close work than men, and that therefore shortcomings are more likely to go unnoticed, and that vanity prevents many women from wearing glasses.

Decrease in Squinting

The present trend suggests that in the next generation the man or woman who does not wear glasses will be a "freak." Even those with normal eyesight may wear glasses as a protection against glare, undoubtedly the cause of much strain. Continuous watching of cinema screens, of landscapes slipping by at 60 miles an hour, and glare from hard pavements probably explain, as much as increased reading, why more of us need glasses every year.

Only one complaint seems to be on the decrease—squint, which is the result of the brain refusing to focus the two eyes at the same time. Newborn babies cannot focus their eyes, but normally the power to do so is acquired and should be full by two years at the most. When squint persists or is acquired, the child can be cured by the use of pictures and special apparatus.

Many of the more serious afflictions of the eye are losing their terrors. Cataract used to mean inevitable blindness, or at least semi-blindness. To-day it is successfully operated upon every day.

We have the satisfaction of knowing that in Britain are probably the finest ophthalmic surgeons in the world. Curative measures may be more highly developed on the Continent, but Britain has acquired a high place in surgery.

The supremacy in the manufacture of lenses is also gradually passing from the Continent to Britain.

David G. Johnston

URGED TO TAKE REFUGEES

It is learned that, far from prohibiting Civil Servants from receiving paying guests in their homes during the present Shanghai crisis, Government's only normal stipulation on this point in Standing Orders is to the effect that permission must first be obtained. Even this Order has now been relaxed in a circular sent to all departments, and Government servants are, in fact, receiving many refugees.

NEW CRUISER

London, Aug. 25.
The new 9,000-ton cruiser *Sheffield*, built by Vickers, Armstrong at Newcastle and launched by the Duchess of Kent over a year ago, has left the Tyne for her acceptance trials and will proceed later to Chatham. British Wireless.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SHANGHAI REFUGEES COMMITTEE

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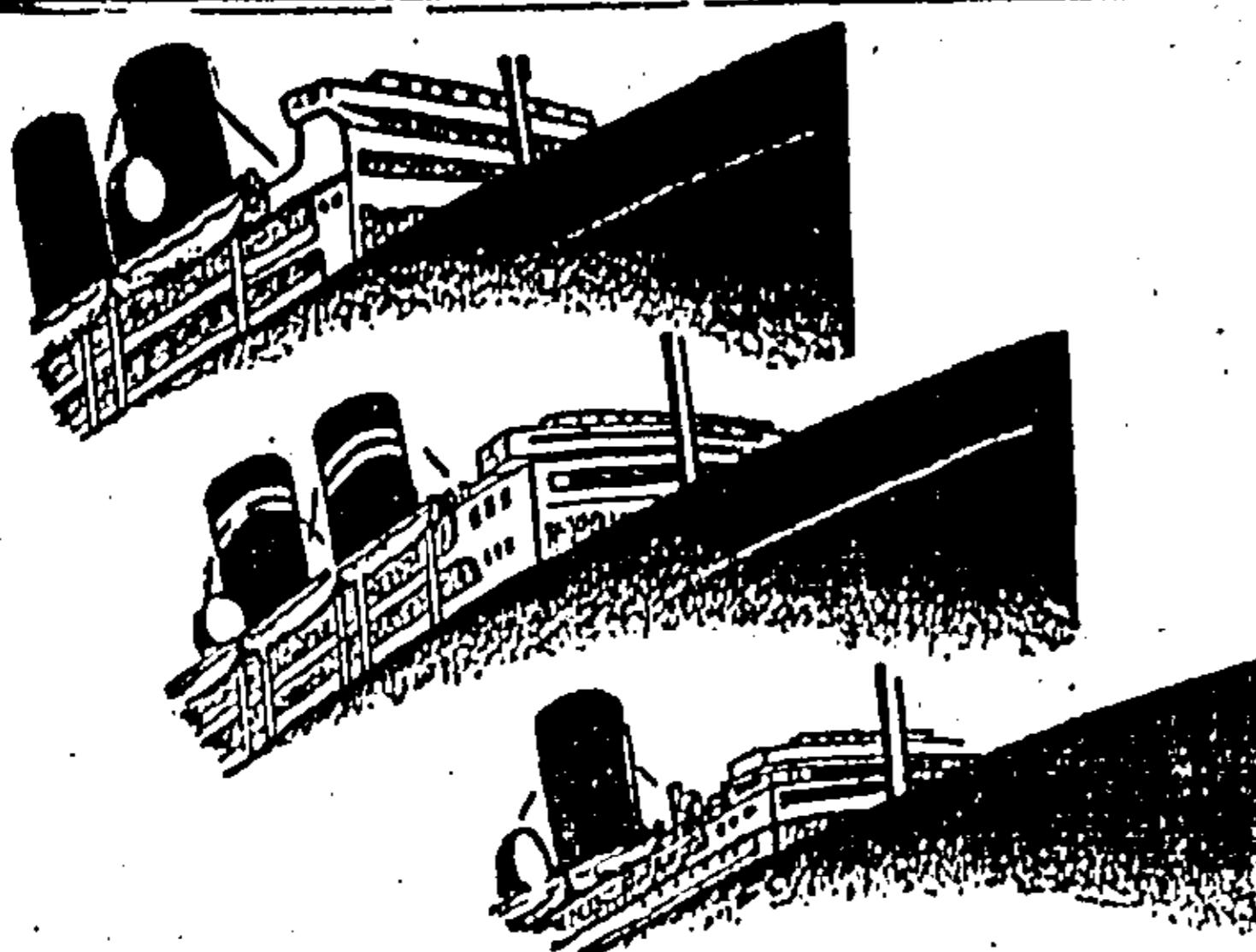
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OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

Relief Fund Showings at King's Theatre, to-day—To-day and to-morrow, King's Theatre is showing a special selection of feature films at four different performances—the proceeds to be devoted to a fund to aid refugees in the war stricken areas of North China. The theatre has succeeded in securing the use of some of the most popular of the more recent feature films. To-day the programme is: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 52



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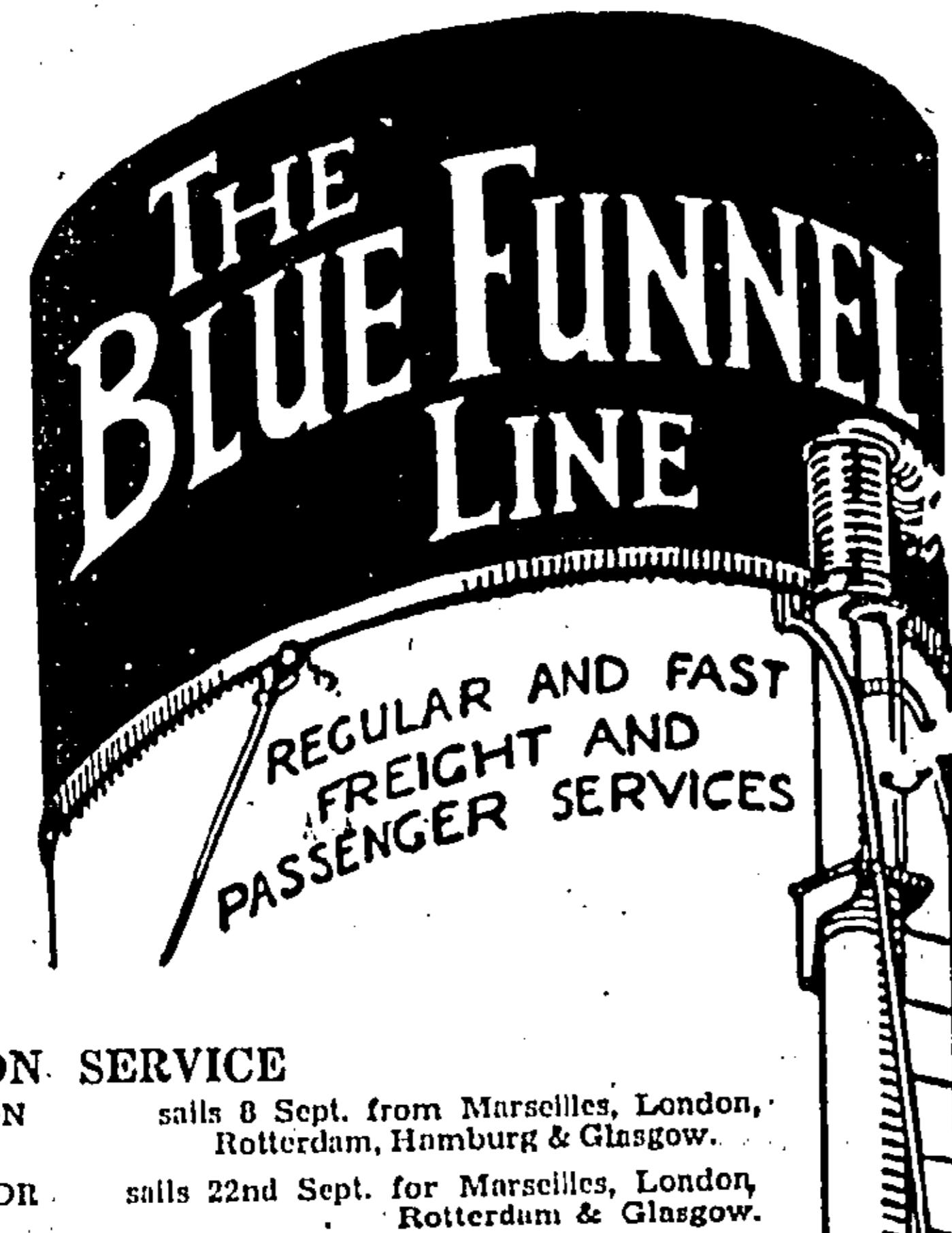
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CHINESE BRAVELY RESIST ATTACK

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unless ordered, and nothing has been ordered.—Reuter.

Heavy Bombardment

Shanghai, Aug. 26. (9.30 a.m.) Japanese warships in the lower Whangpoo opened a terrible bombardment of Chapel, Kiangwan and Tsang this morning, with their heaviest guns, covering the Japanese infantry advance from Woosung. Chinese batteries in Chipei are occasionally shelling Hongkew, where the Japanese launched an offensive at mid-night.

The combined rattles of machine-guns massed along the flame-fringed northern boundary of Shanghai swelled to roar when the attack commenced, which grenades punctuated. Tanks pushed through the debris of battle and engaged any enemy they sighted.

Then, about 3.30 a.m. there was a brief lull in hostilities in the Shanghai area. Even the Japanese naval bombardment of near-by districts subsided. At approximately 5 a.m., however, the warships intensified their bombardment of Chapel, Kiangwan and Tsang, where they are attempting to break the stiff morale of crack Chinese troops through aerial bombing all day and shelling all night. Chinese batteries which earlier had been shelling Hongkew were silent during the Japanese lull, but they too clambered again when the bombardment reopened. Flames are shooting into the sky two-thirds of the length of Hongkew's northern boundary and curving north into the Yangtze-poo district.

Claim Warships Hit

According to a Central News despatch, the United States Embassy has denied that two American warships are lying in Paochen Harbour, off Tsingming Island, in response to a query from the Nanking Foreign Office. On learning this, the Chinese claimed that two damaged Japanese warships at this point were flying the American flag to hide their identity.

A Chinese communiqué stated that additional Japanese troops have been landed at Chiahsien, near Pao-chien, under cover of a bombardment of ten warships and 20 planes. The Chinese Red Cross simultaneously reported that the Japanese had reoccupied Lotien.

A Chinese plane flew at low altitude over Pootung and Hongkew to-day, drawing heavy anti-aircraft fire from the Japanese flagship Idzumi and other vessels. It appeared over the Idzumi later, but dropped no bombs, and flew towards Lung-hua.—United Press.

Commence Retirement

Shanghai, Aug. 26 (3.44 a.m.). A high official of the Chinese Government told Reuter to-day had some of the Chinese troops to-day had already begun to withdraw a certain distance from the North Station sector, for tactical reasons.

The official explained that this line would change its position at certain points, though the North Station itself is still held by Chinese troops.

It is authoritatively stated that the crack troops of the First Division manning the positions north of Soochow Creek are being replaced by militiamen.—Reuter.

The North Station positions and those along the boundary of the International Settlement are particularly dangerous, since as the Japanese advanced toward Tzang and Chenju the road of retreat constantly narrow. During the 1932 operations, the North Station was one of the last positions vacated by the retreating Chinese, and they were only short distance ahead of the Japanese who marched to cut them off.—Reuter.

Heavy Japanese Pressure

Shanghai, Aug. 25 (9 a.m.). The dawn of the fourteenth day of the Shanghai war found the Chinese artillery from hidden emplacements in the North Station area steadily bombarding the Japanese positions at Hongkew, without any response.

Meanwhile, decisive developments are expected to be witnessed in the Shanghai area within the next few days.

Although both sides claim successes, independent sources agreed that the Japanese pressure, especially from warships, has been too strong for China. It is even reported that the Chinese forces have begun a withdrawal from Kiangwan, but the Chinese contend that any troop movements which may have taken place are merely part of the re-dispositioning plans.—Reuter.

Air Activity

Shanghai, Aug. 26 (9.00 a.m.). Japanese aerial activity over Shanghai ceased at nightfall yesterday, but the warships continued their bombardment, shelling both sides of the Whangpoo.

During the day the Chinese had left the sky to their enemies, but at 2 p.m. a single Chinese machine hummed over the Idzumi, which fired Verey lights and opened fire with anti-aircraft guns, but failed to hit the raider. The Chinese plane made off after about 15 minutes without dropping any bombs.—Central News.

Landing Parties Routed

Nanking, Aug. 25. Official reports released here-to-day revealed that two Japanese detachments succeeded in landing at Liuho, 25 miles north-east of Shanghai along the Yangtze River, and at Nanwei, about 20 miles south-east of Shanghai on the Pootung side, on the night of August 23.

However, both landing parties have been routed by Chinese, with heavy casualties.

The first group of 1,200 Japanese came ashore at Nanwei from the coast and as it started to march towards Shanghai to attack the Chinese rear at Pootung, carefully concealed.

HEROIN CASES

Appearing on remand before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistrate this morning, Yu Lin-sang, a Shanghai Chinese, was charged with the possession of 8 lbs. of heroin at Connaught Road Central near the Empress Hotel on August 11. Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grinnell said the case was for commitment and applied for a further week's remand, which was granted. Defendant is on bail of \$10,000 and is represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Three women and a man were also charged before Mr. Balfour with possession of heroin at No. 22 Po Leung Terrace, third floor. They were Lam On, woman, Chan Kwong, man, Chu Yuet, woman, and Tang Yee, woman. All of them denied the charge, and were remanded for a week. They were allowed bail of \$2,500 each.

KWANGSI PLANES FOR CANTON

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also standing by ready to march North at a moment's notice.

Referring to the financial situation in Kwangsi, Mr. Kan said there is general stability. The Central Bank, the China Bank, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers Bank are daily absorbing a large quantity of Kwangsi notes, and when the absorption reaches a certain point Kwangsi notes will, as a matter of course, rise in value. Kwangsi currency will be accorded a standard rate by the Central Government.—International News Service.

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A mixed column, the number of which is not revealed, landed at Liuho, scene of one of the bloodiest battles in the 1932 hostilities. Land mines along the shore were set off when the Japanese set foot on shore, blowing many of the Japanese to bits and forcing others to retire to their boats.—Central News.

Chinese Break Through

London, Aug. 25. Japan's modernized war equipment on display for the first time in fighting in North China, failed to bring the desired results when Chinese troops in the Lianghsien-Fangshau area, south-west of Peiping, advanced toward Japanese smokestacks and mechanized units yesterday, according to reports reaching here.

Severe fighting took place in the area south of Peiping yesterday, the operations of both forces in the Lianghsien area having spread over a dozen small sectors, comprising the Lianghsien and Fangshau districts, about 30 miles south-west of Peiping.

Several crack Japanese divisions, representing part of the reinforcements landed in Tientsin from Japan several days ago, went into action yesterday with some of the newer instruments of war, but failed to make an impression on the Chinese positions.

Heavy Casualties

Fierce engagements were fought, the Chinese admitting that fully two companies of Chinese troops were wiped out during the day. The Japanese losses were reported equally heavy.

It is reported that a column of Japanese infantry, supported by cavalry and a tank corps, launched an attack in the Makochuang and Yangtoukang areas, while another column of 200 Japanese attacked Fukueitang further down the line. The entrenched Chinese put up a stiff fight, holding the enemy off for fully three hours, at the end of which time heavy reinforcements from the rear enabled the Chinese to force the Japanese to retire.—Central News.

Damaged By Planes

Nanking, Aug. 26. Two Japanese warships, including a cruiser, which were seriously damaged by bombs dropped from Chinese planes on Tuesday night off Woosung, have now moved to Paochen, south of Tsingming Island.—South of Tsingming Island.—Central News.

Air Activity

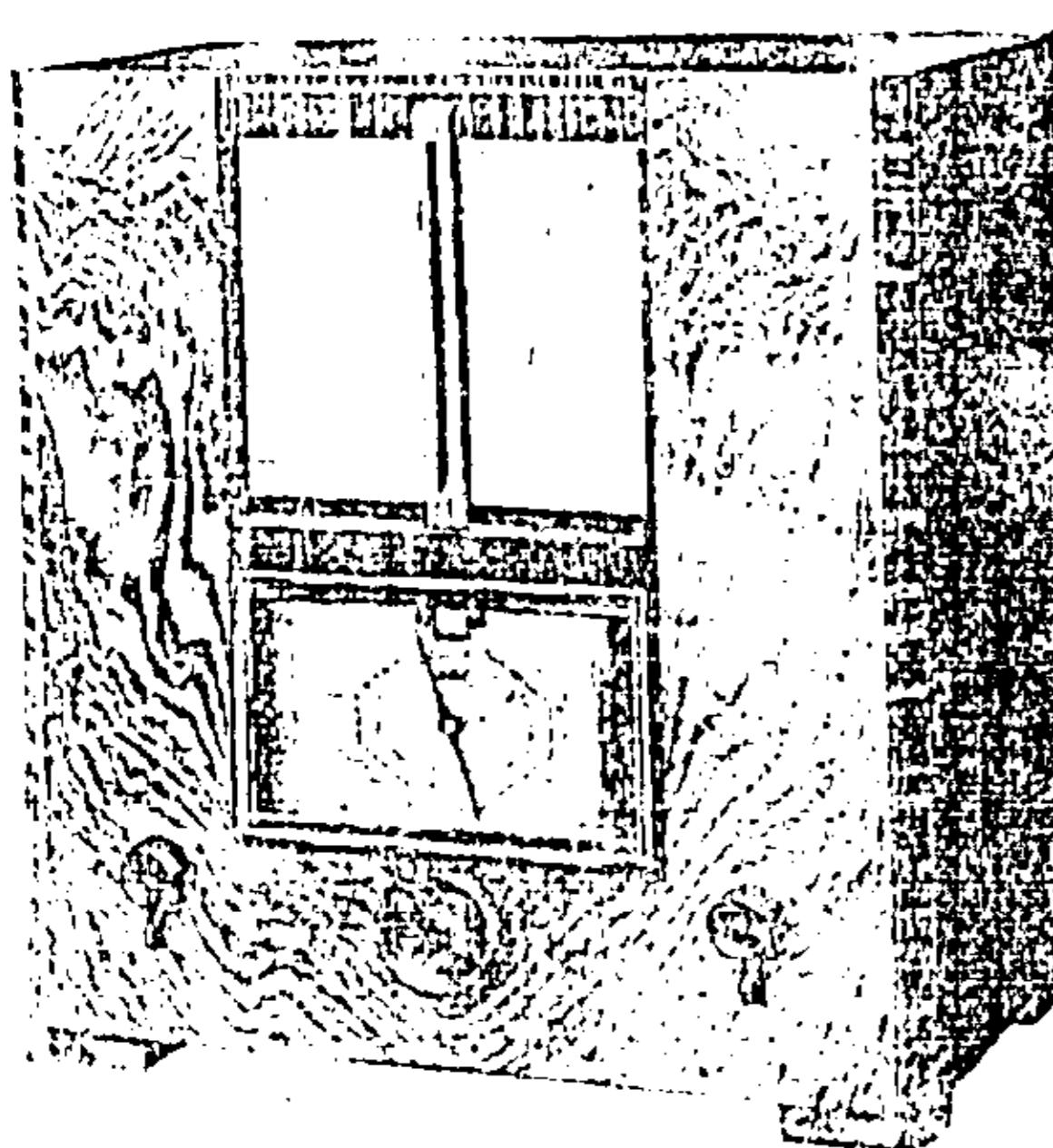
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A SHORT-SIGHTED
POLICY

If, in her policies towards China, moral considerations do not carry great weight with Japan, one would have thought that the materialistic factor, represented by trading opportunities, would have been sufficient to exercise a restraining influence on those elements which adhere to the doctrine of force for the settlement of disputes between the two nations. Business men in Japan must thoroughly realise that the methods at present being employed will ruin commerce for many years to come. Japan's own prosperity depends on peace in China. Sir Eric Teichman has done well to point out that Britain and the United States have always aimed at the creation of a strong and stable Central Government in China, ruling a united people. Japan, on the other hand, has always sought to deal with regional authorities when disputes arise, a policy which strikes at the very roots of the unity and stability of the country. Despite the innumerable difficulties with which she has been faced, China has in recent years made marked progress towards complete unity, but Japan, so far from assisting that process, has continued along the lines of seeking to separate one part of the country from another. Her latest venture, however, is proving a boomerang, inasmuch as it is consolidating China as no other circumstance could have done. There is evidence everywhere of strong support for the Central Government in its resistance to Japan's aggression, and it is eloquent of world opinion that all the sympathy is with China in her hour of trial. From no source, even the most jingoistic, is Japan's policy approved. Relying on her own strength, Japan still persists in defying adverse world opinion, but having gone so far, it is difficult to visualise her drawing back from the venture upon which she has embarked. Her methods have inevitably heightened such anti-Japanese feeling as persisted in China; here, again, it is cause for wonderment that Japan's leaders do not, or will not, see that the very movement against which they inveigh is fostered rather than otherwise by the use of the big stick. Bereft of moral support, Japan stands also to lose

In a smooth, green, slumberous stretch of Sussex, so peaceful that the four cottages in view seem deserted, there rises, slender, soaring, a miniature Eiffel Tower. From a platform 15 feet up its 137 feet of height comes the sound of machinery.

CLANG—gravel—gravel—gravel—CLANG—gravel—gravel—CLANG... ceaselessly, interminably. For 24 hours a day.

They are drilling for oil. Some millions of years ago the Sussex weald was green with sea-water instead of grass. With the tidal recession that cut Britain off from the Continent, myriads of shell-fish were left on the new dry land. They seeped into the strata of shale that interleave other rocks below the surface.

With the incredible pressure through time of the contractions of the earth they turned to fossils. Marine plants, too, have turned to fossils. And it is the belief of scientists that oil is formed by the decomposition of these organisms.

Another condition is necessary for the production of oil in bulk: a "wrinkle" in the crust of the earth in which it can collect.

The great oil magnates of the world, with their cohorts of experts and their army of actuaries, have determined in cold figures that the present known sources of supply of petroleum oil in the world will be exhausted within 50 years—or less. So they are searching the earth for potential new supplies.

Geologists are the detectives in this world-wide hunt. They looked over Britain, where odd farmers reported streaks of oil on the surface of their wells. They found in the South the Wealden Arch, a gigantic wrinkle spanning the ancient Palaeozoic Floor. They said: "Here is a good chance to find oil in Britain."

More explorations, more calculations were made. And Grove Hill, near the village of Hellingley (pronounce it Hellinglie), they determined was one of the most promising points on the arch.

Legal difficulties, political problems had to be solved. In 1934 an Act was passed granting to certain stated companies the right to drill.

And so the little Eiffel Tower—actually a derrick—rises between Springham Wood and Nobody's Wood, in the green Sussex Weald.

Certain facts the drillers—the Anglo-American Oil Company—know: they know that the Palaeozoic Floor—the ancient rock formation that forms the basis of the whole continent of Europe—is, at this point, between 4,000 and 5,000 feet below the surface.

That is not much: there is one oil well in Texas 12,600 feet deep. They know that, if oil is not found about the Floor, it will not be found at all.

Now, even as you read this, they are drilling. Driving downward through the earth, through sand and shale, limestone, sandstone, slate, chalk, even bits of wood in process of turning to coal, scanning the deposits brought up by the drill for traces of the viscous fluid that is the basis of modern transport.

It is a gamble: a gigantic gamble. The odds are 10 to 1 against. "Fair odds," Worth

materially by her tactics, for, even if hostilities were soon to come to an end, there must be left behind such a residue of resentment amongst the people of China as to make the resumption of normal trade in the near future a most unlikely contingency.

the risk," said one member of tackle from which depends the company. "With a worse drill, risk we wouldn't have sunk the well. With a better risk—well, you can't get much better risk in oil."

The plant is costing about £100 a day to maintain. There is a staff of about 30 men employed; some of them highly skilled; others local labourers. Seven men work on the "rig"—the derrick—at a time. There are three shifts a day, going all out for eight hours.

A two-cylinder 12in. by 12in. engine, fired by three 100 h.p. turbines, drives horizontal drum thus formed, a resident welder puts a crenellated insert of tungsten carbide—the hardest substance known—into the engine stance known save diamonds—peak of the derrick, crowned with the Union Jack, 137ft. above the ground is a block and

When the drill is hauled up for changing, the pipe is taken to pieces in sections of three lengths—90 ft. at a time. These are stacked inside the derrick, resting on the platform, with their upper ends near the derrick's top.

Each 90ft. piece is hauled up by the tackle swinging in the centre of the derrick, and replaced by the same means when the drill goes down again.

They reckon to get through an average of 100 ft. to 300ft. in 24 hours. By the end of this month they will know finally and decisively whether they have spent £15,000 or £20,000 for nothing or not.

To pay, an oil well must produce at least 15,000 tons of oil through its life. It is loaded into barrels each holding 35 gallons.

To prevent the hole getting wears away, leaving the tungsten points like jagged teeth, these are sunk to line the walls. To keep water from forcing its way in concrete is forced between the outer surface of the hole itself.

One of the gravest dangers in drilling is the fracture of a pipe or drill. In such a case special tools on the drill-end fish for the fragments in the impenetrable subterranean dark. This is a real danger. Such a fracture may hold up work for six months. Consequently they never drive the drill too fast.

From time to time, to take a sample of the rock, a "core drill" is attached to the shaft. This takes a cylindrical chunk out of the earth, much as an empty cocoa tin, pressed down into a cake and withdrawn, would take a cylindrical section out of the cake.

The resident geologist inspects the chunk and keeps in a shed a permanent record of the strata which have already been pierced. The first core was taken at a depth of 118 feet.

At the surface of the earth the hole in the ground is 22 inches across. Further down it gets smaller, for they fit smaller drills.

As the drill bites its way into the earth mud—just plain mud—is forced down with it. The mud acts as a lubricant; it softens the rock which the drill is piercing; and, by an hydraulic system, it is forced up inside the drill and carries with it the particles of crushed rock which the drill has displaced.

Above the drill as it descends are fixed pipes in 30ft. lengths. These are cylindrical. They are inserted between the square shaft held in the drum and went back into the country. I wondered if success—even untried by machinery.

Through the pipe rise mud and chips. Through it, too, will rise the oil—if and when found.

Guy Ramsey

A Bespectacled Nation

Seven People Out of
Ten Have Defective
Vision

out of 134 examined in another firm, 46 required glasses, and 40 already wearing spectacles required different lenses.

An estimate given by a responsible body after testing some millions of people was that one person in three required glasses, but it must be remembered that this was among men and women who suspected they had defective eyesight and went for a test.

Not Much of a Handicap

An estimate that seven people out of ten have imperfect eyesight has been made. But if the number of men and women with first-class eyesight is steadily decreasing, the position is not so bad as it might appear.

First of all, we have to remember that millions of cases of defective eyesight are recognised and treated to-day, whereas 50 years ago they might not have been found.

On the road, in offices and factories, and even in the home we use our eyes for close work much more than our grandfathers did. Then,

again, spectacles are no longer the handicap they were once considered. The war showed that a spectacled soldier could be efficient.

A man with defective eyesight wearing proper glasses is under few handicaps to-day. A few trades are red to him, but he can play games, shoot, drive, and so on as well as his more fortunate brothers.

Unbreakable lenses have removed the danger of playing such games as cricket in glasses. Examples could be given of first-class cricketers who wear glasses. Spectacled players have appeared at Wimbledon.

The visual abilities of a spectacled man or woman should be judged when they are wearing glasses. In many cases their sight is better than that of others with slight deficiencies which are unsuspected.

The eyesight test required of motorists is exceedingly simple, yet between December and May last 350 failed to read an identification plate of a car at 25 yards. It is safe to say that they were people without glasses who had not noticed their short sight, or spectacle wearers who had not had their lenses changed as their eyesight altered.

The Trouble Begins at School

Many experts believe that the trouble starts at school. Schoolchildren to-day read much more than our grandparents did. Then,

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London Denies Evacuation of S'hai Planned

Britain Will Guard All Her Interests And Her Nationals

London, Aug. 25. At their meetings to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, and Lord Halifax, Lord President of the Council and leader in the House of Lords, at which they considered the Far Eastern situation, the British leaders endorsed the position already taken and especially reaffirmed the Government attitude that all practicable measures should be taken to protect British lives and property in Shanghai.

This is the gist of a communique issued from the Foreign Office to-night.

There is no truth in the report that the Government is contemplating a policy of evacuation, the communique adds. The Government intends to persist in its efforts to secure exclusion of Shanghai from the area of hostilities.

It will be remembered, the communique continues, that both the Chinese and Japanese Governments have been notified that His Majesty's Government reserves its right to hold them responsible for damage or loss of British life or property resulting from the action of Chinese or Japanese forces in the course of hostilities. Protests have also been addressed to the Japanese Government concerning the occupation of British properties in the International Settlement by the Japanese, and Tokyo has been warned that the compensation for occupation and for any loss or damage will be decided by the amount of damage. There was no disposition at to-day's meeting to widen in that attitude.

Powers Confer

Naturally, the important statement yesterday by the American Secretary of State was in the minds of Ministers, and it may be taken for granted that the British Government fully shares the anxieties of the United States Government as to the danger to Far Eastern relations generally between China and Japan.

The Ministers observe with satisfaction that close collaboration maintained with other Governments, especially the American and French, and regards it as important that such collaboration continue.—Reuter.

Long Conference

London, Aug. 25. The Prime Minister to-day conferred with Mr. Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax for two and a half hours and later in the afternoon met these ministers a second time, their subjects being the Far Eastern situation and the protection of British shipping in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Chamberlain is returning to Scotland to-night.

Regarding the increasing number of attacks on British shipping in the Mediterranean, the Government proposes to maintain continuously for the present at least one flotilla of destroyers and two heavier ships in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean for the protection of British merchantmen. This will make a total of eleven warships in all stationed in this area for this express purpose.—Reuter.

Five-Hour Talk

London, Aug. 25. The Prime Minister was in London to-day, arriving from Scotland, where he has been on a fishing holiday, early this morning. Both this forenoon and this afternoon he was visited at Downing Street by the Foreign Secretary and the Lord Privy Seal, and the three Ministers conferred on the international situation.

Much the greater part of the five hours they were together was devoted to the Far Eastern crisis, and the situation at Shanghai, but they found time also to consider a number of incidents which have occurred in the Mediterranean in recent weeks, in which attacks have been made on shipping in international waters.

Mr. Chamberlain returned to Scotland by night train. Mr. Eden is not resuming his holiday in Hampshire, from which he was due to return in any case on Monday, as he will be attending the funeral of his father-in-law, Sir Gervase Beckett, who died yesterday.

There is no doubt that the Prime Minister and his two colleagues, when they reviewed the Far Eastern situation, endorsed the decisions already announced by the British Government. They are believed more particularly to have reaffirmed the policy of protecting by all practicable measures British lives and property in Shanghai.

Evacuation Policy

It follows that reports that the British Government has contemplated a policy of evacuation are devoid of truth. But the surest means of securing the safety of British as well as other nationals in Shanghai would be effective immunity of the International Settlement from the theatre of warlike operations, and the Ministers were agreed that the efforts being made to this end must be pursued.

It will be recalled that both the Chinese and Japanese Governments have been notified that the British Government reserves their right to

"SANTANDER WITHIN OUR HANDS"

Government Heads Flee From City

Four Columns Closing In

Hendaye, Aug. 25.

Santander has fallen, according to the latest despatches reaching here from the insurgent battle lines.

A Salamanca radio broadcast states: "While the Government Army was hastening its retreat at the last minute, Insurgent sympathisers within the capital of the Basque province seized Government buildings and aided by the Civil Guards, without bloodshed prevented extremists from destroying the city.

"Four columns of our troops are now approaching the capital. Santander is entirely within our hands."

Later, an announcement from General Francisco Franco's headquarters stated that the imprisonment of 35,000 Loyalists in Santander was impending.—United Press.

REFUGEE ON H.M.S. KEITH

Hendaye, Aug. 25.

The British destroyer Keith embarked from Santander to-day a mixed party of Britons, Insurgents and Basque officials, including 17 insurgent hostages brought by the Basques from Bilbao, Señor Aunia, who is Captain of the Port of Santander, and other members of the Basque Government.

The Basque President, Señor Aguirre, and Señor Torre, Foreign Minister, and Señor Monzon, Minister of Justice, have arrived at Bayonne.—Reuter.

SURRENDER REPORTED

Paris, Aug. 25.

The Insurgent Army before Santander announces the Government of the city has surrendered following a revolt by part of the population, supported by the police and shock troops. Street fighting is in progress and the insurgents are now only four miles away, but possibly will not enter the city until to-morrow.

Later, the Insurgent High Command stated that 15,000 Government troops still in Santander had surrendered.—Reuter.

SUBURBS ENTERED

Bilbao, Aug. 26.

The insurgents have entered the south-west suburbs of Santander and the Government forces are making a last stand in the surrounding hills with machine-guns and rifles. The Insurgent artillery is bombarding them, while the infantry carry out an encircling movement.

—United Press.

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Shanghai, Aug. 26.

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ANARCHY AND HORROR

St. Jean de Luz, Aug. 26.

A Canadian, named Gascoyne, until recently an officer with the Basque Nationalists, was among the refugees arriving here last night aboard H.M.S. Keith. He relates the terrible conditions of Santander last night and the night previous, there was neither light nor water, and no civil organisation.

Looting and indiscriminate firing broke out in every street and sheer anarchy and horror reigned.

—United Press.

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SINCERE TAIPAN MURDER HEARING FIXED FOR SESSIONS

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

SINCE WE CANNOT GET WHAT WE LIKE, LET US LIKE WHAT WE CAN GET. SPANISH PROVERB.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of Japan against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Thomas Arthur Johnston, accountant, China Construction Company, and residing at 20 Canal Road West, and Miss Pauline Chou, stenographer, Steel Union China Company, and living at 5 Broadwood Road; Mr. Arnold Bates Cecil Collinson, R.A.C.E. Depot, Mauauwei, and Miss Serephina Anderson, of 3 Hankow Road.

Charged with stealing a fountain pen worth \$10 from Chong Ching-fai, a visitor to the Colony, at Connaught Road Central near Gillman Street yesterday, Leung Kai, aged 21, unemployed, admitted the offence before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Crown-Sergeant R. J. Clarke said that when defendant took the pen from Chong's pocket, a detective who was behind them, observed the act, and arrested him. Defendant admitted two previous convictions.

Seen wandering around the ground floor of the China Emporium, Ltd., last evening, Wong Chau, aged 20, unemployed, aroused the suspicions of Kwan Chu, a salesman, who kept him under observation. Wong was later seen to take a red sports shirt off a counter and walk off with it, and Kwan immediately chased after him. Brought before Mr. S. F. Balfour this morning, Wong was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for banishment. Crown-Sergeant R. J. Clarke prosecuted.

Detective-Sergeant P. H. Loughlin stated that defendant gave himself up to the police. He had come from Shangha, and was without means.

The police were asking that he be committed to the House of Detention, where he would have a place to stay, and would be allowed out during the day to look for employment. If he could obtain work with reputable firm in the Colony, he would be allowed to remain here.

Baldin said he was a sculptor in wax models, and produced a number of photographs of his work. He was committed to the House of Detention.

Little Change In Weather

Typhoon West Of Manila

The relatively cool spell continues. Royal Observatory returns showing that the maximum temperature yesterday was 86, the same as for the previous day, with the night minimum 70, or one degree higher. To-day at 10 a.m. the reading was 83, the same as for yesterday, with humidity slightly lower at 81.

This morning's weather report reads: "A weak anticyclone lies over South Japan, extending westward to the Lower Yangtze Valley. The trough is stationary between Indo-China and the Carolines. The position of the typhoon is now uncertain; it is approximately 350 miles west of Manila, moving W.N.W. Local forecast: East winds, fresh, cloudy."

BRITISH GUARD MEDITERRANEAN FOR PROTECTION OF SHIPPING

London, Aug. 25.

The British Government proposes to maintain continuously for the present, a naval force of at least one flotilla of destroyers and two heavier ships in the western basin of the Mediterranean, for the protection of British shipping. There will always be eleven of His Majesty's ships available in these waters, apart from others which may be in passage through them.

This decision became known after this evening's discussion between the Prime Minister and his two colleagues when consideration was given to the situation arising from the increasing number of attacks on shipping in the Mediterranean.—British Wireless.

U.S. CONSULATE CLOSING

Tsinanfu, Aug. 26.

The United States Consulate here is planning to close up as soon as Americans in the danger area have been evacuated.

The Consul, Mr. Allison, is planning to depart from Tsingtao aboard the U.S.S. Isabel on September 4. The American missionaries, Messrs. Cooke, Dizy and Lyons, have been evacuated from Tsinanfu after Mr. Allison had informed them that the Tsinanfu Consulate was being closed.

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THE ROYAL ENGINEERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING A WHIST DRIVE AND TOMBOLA IN THE GARRISON LECTURE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1937, COMMENCING AT 8.30 P.M. ADMISSION IS 50 CENTS.

A 27-year-old unemployed man, Tong Ngau, was fined \$25 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour for possession of prepared opium at No. 21 Pottinger Street, first floor, on being charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning. For keeping the floor as an opium den, another fine of \$50 or a month's hard labour was imposed. Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt prosecuted.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed on Lui Kin, aged 21, unemployed, when he admitted a charge of larceny of an electric fan from Lai Hong-tung, dentist, of No. 159 Wellington Street, yesterday, on appearing before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning. Crown-Sergeant R. J. Clarke said defendant had been staying with a companion for some time, and was arrested when he tried to dispose of the fan. Defendant is to be sent back to the country after serving his gaol term.

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FARR BETS £500 ON HIMSELF TO BEAT JOE LOUIS

HARDCOURT TENNIS TITLE MATCHES FIRST SCHEDULE

(By "Veritas")

Hongkong first hardcourt tennis championship will start Wednesday next, September 1 with a programme of six matches—three singles and three doubles.

Owing to the continuation of the mixed doubles and "A" Division tennis league schedules, the hardcourt programmes have been arranged for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in each week.

If the weather is kind, three days next week will see 18 matches complete.

All games will be played on the U.S.R.C. courts but the organisers announce that owing to the difficulty of finding umpires amongst its own members, competitors are requested to furnish their own umpires for the early rounds. Umpires will be officially provided for the semi-finals and finals.

Here is the schedule for next week and September 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Court No. 12 Wong Fuk-nam and Lai Kwal-fan v. S. A. and S. S. Hussain.

Court No. 13 A. V. Gosano v. A. Crawford.

Court No. 14 Ma Kai-kwong and Li Kam-hung v. A. L. Sullivan and L. Goldman.

Court No. 15 W. C. Hung v. Capt. Loach.

Court No. 16 A. V. Remedios and J. Gonsalves v. G. E. Clarke and G. C. Burnett.

Court No. 17 S. A. Rumjahn v. I. Mahan Singh.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Court No. 12 H. Y. Ho v. J. L. F. Smalley.

Court No. 13 Major MacDonald v. Chan Kam-moon.

Court No. 14 E. C. Fletcher and G. Bodilier v. S. A. Gray and A. Crawford.

Court No. 15 A. E. P. Guest v. Y. C. Lau.

Court No. 16 Ju Tak-cheuk and Wong Shu-wing v. E. F. Fletcher and D. J. N. Anderson.

Court No. 17 M. A. Oliveira v. I. M. Razack.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Court No. 12 A. V. Gosano and B. T. Gosano v. R. R. Todd and G. E. Divett.

Court No. 13 A. L. Sullivan v. S. A. Gray.

Court No. 14 S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. Capt. Loach and J. Tomlinson.

Court No. 15 F. H. Kwok v. S. W. Liang.

Court No. 16 J. Pengelly and I. Agafuroff v. T. K. Leung and J. Hsu.

Court No. 17 G. Chua v. Wong Fuk-nam.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

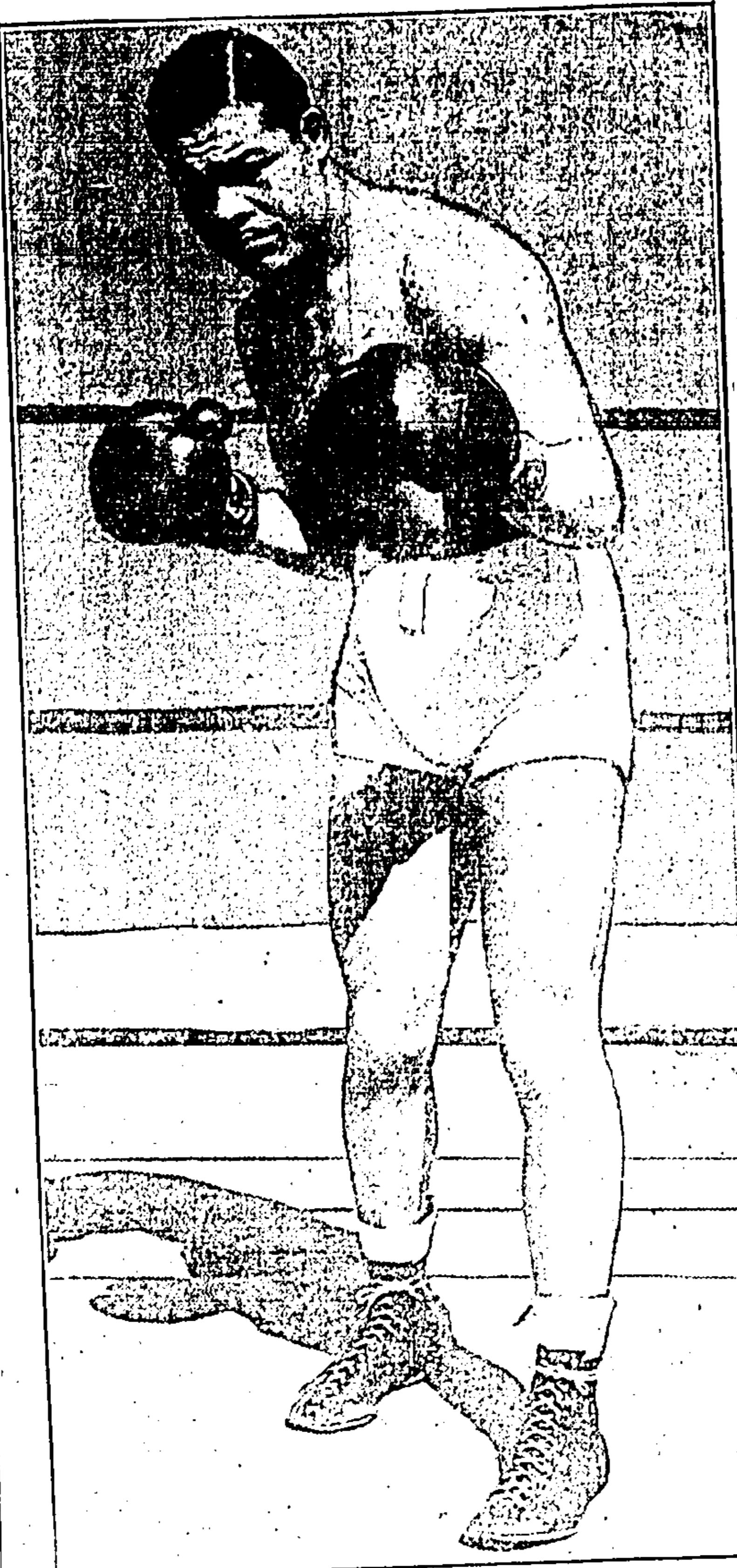
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Court No. 15 Lai Kwal-fan v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Court No. 16 Dr. A. M. Rodrigues and H. A. Barros v. W. C. Hung and Tsui Wai-pui.



Hongkong Can Hear Louis-Farr Fight

"B" Division Title Will Soon Be Decided

K.I.T.C. LOSE

If the weather is propitious, the "B" Division championship of the tennis league will be decided by next Wednesday. Craigengower, present leaders, hope to complete their programme by then, and the outcome of their encounters with C.R.C. and Recrelo will assuredly settle the championship problem.

Craigengower have arranged to play Recrelo on Wednesday next and hope to meet Chinese Recreation Club either on Monday or Tuesday next. Craigengower need to win both matches to become champions.

Only one match in this division was played yesterday. Kowloon Cricket Club, in spite of the splendid effort by the Hussain brothers who again won all three sets, beating Kowloon Indian Tennis Club five to four.

The failure of the K.I.T.C. third pair to win a set, and the defeat of Firdos Khan and I. Mahan Singh, second string by the K.C.C.'s first two couples was responsible for the result.

After beating Grose and Anderson and Burnett and Clarke easily, the Hussain brothers all but lost against Ramsey and Wright, eventually scraping home in the twelfth game.

Details of the match and the revised league table follow.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat D. J. N. Anderson and F. Grose 6-2; beat G. C. Burnett and C. G. Clarke 6-2; beat A. W. Ramsay and W. Wright 7-5.

F. Khan and I. Mahan Singh lost to Anderson and Grose 6-2; lost to Burnett and Clarke 6-2; lost to Ramsey and Wright 6-0.

M. Singh and B. R. Saleh lost to Anderson and Grose 6-2; lost to Ramsey and Wright 6-0.

LEAGUE TABLE

Sets. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

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C.R.C. . 6 0 0 0 40 12 12

S.C.A.A. . 7 4 0 3 8 28 12 8

K.C.C. . 7 4 0 3 8 34 12 8

Recrelo . 4 3 0 1 23 12 12 6

C.S.C.C. . 8 2 1 5 23 49 5 5

H.K.C.C. . 8 1 0 5 18 80 2 2

K.I.T.C. . 7 1 1 5 28 34 2 2

University . 5 0 0 5 24 35 0 0

NEGRO, HOWEVER IS A 4 TO 1 FAVOURITE

Big Fight To-night

THE world of boxing, particularly British enthusiasts, will be on their toes to-night when Tommy Farr, the gallant Welshman, who has risen from obscurity to fame within three years, steps into the ring at Yankee Stadium to meet Joe Louis, the unofficial heavyweight champion of the world.

The situation has more than interesting point. In United States the fight is more or less regarded as a title bout. In England it will only be officially recognised as a fight, with no title at stake, as the British Boxing Board of Control has laid down that only a fight between Max Schmeling, who was side-stepped by Louis recently, and Farr, the British and Empire heavyweight, can carry with it the world title.

Reuter says that the bout to-night will start at 10 o'clock (New York local time). The bout has aroused considerable interest as it brings together Farr, who was formerly an hotel "Boots," and America's acknowledged champion, the Detroit Bomber.

Champion Louis will take the ring a 4 to 1 favourite, with few wishing to back Farr, except himself. The Welshman has wagered £500 on the result.

The fight between the "Tonypandy Terror" and the "Brown Bomber" has caught the imagination more than any fight of recent years. It seems amazing that the Briton will be fighting for the heavyweight crown of the world, yet if he wins, he will not be regarded as world champion in Great Britain as he must fight and beat Schmeling to lay claim to the title.

Despite the tremendous ballyhoo publicity which has been given to-night's scrap, it may be a financial flop, as it is generally regarded that the fight is a "good thing" for Louis. This is emphasised by the belief that the negro will very quickly open the cut over Farr's right eye which he sustained during his training.

The promoters have already cut the price of the cheap seat by more than half, and Farr, who is guaranteed at least £5,000 may ironically receive more than the title holder, who is to be given 42½ per cent. of the gate receipts.



Football

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCHES HOME TEAMS BEATEN

ANSWERING THE CALL

Soccer is on the way and you will soon be seeing plenty of this sort of thing. The general call-up has been sounded and here cameraman has caught early arrivals at the Brentford F.C. ground. Mutitt and Wilson (right) are putting their heads together.

Cricket

TOM GODDARD, WRITTEN DOWN AS FAILURE BECAME FAMOUS

Cricketer's Romantic Career

(By Ivan Sharpe)

Wilfred Rhodes, they say, learned to bowl by pitching a ball for hours on end at the wall of a shed. And cricket in the garden has been the making of many an Australian.

Other men, other ways. Surely the strangest route to international cricket is that of Tom Goddard, the Gloucestershire bowler, who is at Manchester this weekend for the Test match with New Zealand.

In 1927, after six years with the Test team, he was written down a failure and was not re-engaged. He was then a fast bowler, and in all that time hadn't taken 150 wickets for the county, while his average for the last three seasons had been 47, 30, and 55—bowling, not batting figures, these!

TRANSFORMATION

So the county cried enough. At this crisis many a cricketer has echoed the verdict and packed up.

Not re-engaged sounds like the sack. But not to Master Goddard.

Although he was in his 20th year he decided to change his style, took an engagement on the ground staff at Lord's (1928), and brought it off well that in the following summer he not only got back in his job with Gloucestershire but proceeded to take more wickets (154 for 15 runs apiece) than in all his previous seasons with the club. And finished at the top of their averages!

Nor was it a flash in the pan. His new, medium-pace off-spin bowling was so impressive that in 1930 he was called to Old Trafford to play for England against Australia.

TRIUMPH

Since changing from pace to length and spin, Goddard has taken nearly 1,500 wickets in 8½ years, including a haul of 200 in 1935, and for an average cost of about twenty.

This year he has been setting the pace, at the age of 36, and was first to the hundred wickets mark.

The Man Who Came Back. What the County thinks about his feat is reflected in the fact that when he took his benefit at Gloucester last year the attendance was the biggest ever at the ground.

WELLARD RUBS IT IN

The curiosities of cricket are reflected in the careers of other players in Manchester for the Test.

Hammond, as is well known, was born at Dover. What does Kent think about that, these lean days? But that isn't all. Arthur Wellard was also born in Kent—at Southfleet.

He became an outstanding all-rounder with the Bexley Heath club and was given trials by Kent. But that was all. They let him go.

Wellard took him on. Another pony for Kent's thoughts.

But Wellard has rubbed it in, big time. In 1935, at Maldstone, he twice won the match for Somerset. His side collapsed; he slashed

Footballers—Attention!

Signs that the local football season is fast approaching can be found in the notice circularised yesterday by the Kowloon Football Club that the club will start training on Friday, August 27, at 5.30 p.m. on the K.F.C. ground. All playing members of the club are earnestly requested to attend.

all round. Sign of the times that it's weakening.

Middlesex make no bones about it. They let 'em all come—Australians, South Africans and what have you?

Thus big Jim Smith, of Middlesex, also up for the Test, is a Wiltshire man and appeared for that county before he was recommended to Lord's.

With his six feet five inches, Smith is a veritable giant and when he is bowling at Lord's, the earth tremors are often felt in South London—or so they say!

His weight and speed cause much havoc to his specially-made footwear and now he wears a strip of steel along the sole of his right boot.

In the same way, Morris Nichols, the Essex express, wears a steel toe-cap to prevent a little of the wear and tear of speed-bowling.

NEXT PLEASE

Fast-bowlers—they come and go.

Since 1933, eight men have represented England to sling 'em down hard and fast—Nichols, Larwood, Voce, Farnes, Allen, Gover, Bowes, and Clark. Now come Smith and Wellard. What do the barbers say?

GIVE YOUR GUESTS DEINHARD'S

WORLD—RENNED

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It doesn't matter how long-standing your stomach trouble may be—it doesn't matter how bad your pain is—Maclean Brand Stomach Powder will almost certainly ease it away—and its cause as well.

Take the case of Mr. J. R. Ever since he left the Army after the Great War he suffered from gastric trouble. He had all his teeth out, but got no relief. He tried one cheap remedy after another, but the trouble remained.

Read his own words:—

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If you have any difficulty in obtaining it from your local chemist or store, write to Bunker & Co., P.O. Box 533, Hong Kong.

YACHTING, CRICKET, HOCKEY

THREE ANNUAL MEETINGS

NEW COMMODORE CHOSEN

Although it had no frontage to its premises, the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held its annual meeting last night with a list of successes behind it. A profit was shown as against a loss the previous year and a record number of races were held.

Mr. H. S. House, retiring Commodore, said:

The sub-Committee formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Cook to deal with the question of the finding of another site, has gone into the matter carefully and the position today is that the transfer of the Club to Kellett Island is receiving consideration by Government. Representation has been made with regard to the term of lease and I believe we can be sure that it is fully understood and will be sympathetic reviewed.

There has been a gain in subscriptions from members and subscribers of nearly \$1,500, an index of the appeal which the activities sponsored by our Club has for new arrivals.

Mr. Marshall, seconding, remarked that subscriptions should have been further increased as the extra revenue would relieve the Club of any anxiety on the score of a new Club House and site.

The Report and accounts were adopted.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected: Commodore, Mr. E. Cook; Vice-Commodore, Major B. G. C. Densmore; Secretary, Messrs. G. H. Gandy, M. I. Bunting, and Arthur Sailing Committee, Commodore, H. G. Green; Messrs. H. New, C. Trentham, B. G. Densmore; Minister, Mr. D. A. Ross; Rowing Committee, Messrs. W. Pringle, S. J. Carter, M. W. Scott, W. Spofford; Librarian, Mr. E. Bowles Committee, A. Murdoch, G. E. Costello; B. F. Maughan; House Committee, S. Carter, F. J. Locke, J. R. L. Stanton.

Mr. A. L. Shields thanked the retiring Commodore for his services and said the Club was sorry that he and Mrs. Rouse, who had also done excellent work, would shortly leave Hongkong.

Mr. Shields asked for more interest in the cruising side of the Club. Some dissension on the part of members of the "Y" Class boats who felt they should have bigger representation on the Sailing Committee led to a ballot and when this did not achieve their notice, they announced that further suggestions would be forthcoming from them.

The report set out that the profit on the working account for the year was \$780, against a loss the previous year of \$643. A new Bowling Green was decided upon and negotiation was going on between the Club and Government with a view to using Kellett Island as a new site for the Yacht Club. The Trevessi Race was to be held annually instead of bi-annually in future.

Four motor yachts, 29 cruisers, 33 racing yachts and 12 comets were now registered and several boats were building. During the season 281 races were held—a record—and 1,950 yachts crossed the starting line.

INDIAN R. C.

Good Year Reported At Annual Meeting

Satisfaction at the year's working was expressed by Mr. A. el Arculli, presiding at the annual meeting of the Indian R.C. yesterday. He expressed regret at the death of Mr. D. Rumjahn, one of the founders of the Club.

In the field of sport, Mr. Arculli congratulated Mr. A. H. Rumjahn and members of the senior cricket team.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mr. A. el Arculli; Vice-President, Messrs. A. G. Sullad and M. Minakshi; Secretary, A. H. Minakshi; Treasurer, S. A. Dand; Senior Captain, A. H. Rumjahn; Vice-Captain, J. A. Parker; Junior Captain, H. T. Barnes; Vice-Captain, J. R. Higgs; Tennis convenor, H. D. Rumjahn; Bowls convenor, M. R. Abbas; Committee members, Mr. Arculli, Baden Singh, H. T. Barnes, S. A. H. Jinni, R. Nazarin, M. P. Madar, A. H. Medar, A. Rohmin.

TO AID CHINA'S WOUNDED



Dr. (Mrs.) Dovey on right busily engaged with another helper in preparing bandages and other necessities for Chinese war wounded. This picture was taken by our staff photographer at the Helena May, where a large number of Hongkong women are assisting in this work of mercy.

THE INFLUENCE OF ARTIFICIAL WICKETS ON CRICKET

LITTLE HOPE OF A RETURN TO THE "NATURAL" PITCHES

By "Watchman"

Sunshine is cricket's finest tonic; glutted draws without the aid of rain even the weakest sides were seldom defeated. There was not time.

At the end of the season of 1899, Lord Harris was moved to write, "There is no doubt that, for the sake of the game itself, we should endeavour to bring individual scores within a reasonable compass."

Some grounds a preparation of clay and water, with other materials, is poured upon the wicket and forms a sort of glaze over the top which renders the wicket as true as a billiard table.

The difference between an artificial wicket of this kind and one prepared merely by rolling and water is quite distinct; a ball does not bounce nearly so high on the artificial wicket.

At the same period A. G. Steel spoke of wickets which were "utterly devoid of all life and electricity, on which the fastest bowler could not make the ball rise above half-stump high."

Now, let me emphasize, was nearly forty years ago. Not so very new, the "doped" pitch, after all!

The situation was considered so bad that early in this century the M.C.C. issued a request to the county committees to prevent the groundsmen from employing top dressing on their wickets.

In some cases the request had an influence for a time.

But gradually the "hope" was brought back again. It has been back ever since.

WHEN ATTACK IS DEFENCE

G. O. Allen and others suggest that the cause of much slow cricket comes from a bowler's despair.

Bowlers—that is the theory—are so

convinced that the wicket will not give them any help that they keep

a negative length, not far enough up to drive, not short enough to hook,

and wait for batsmen to get them

solved out through impatience.

It is unfortunately true that such tactics

are often seen nowadays. But they

were also used by the late Victorians

and the Edwardians, whose "off

theory" also became notorious.

The big difference between then and now is that the batsmen of old relied

chiefly upon forward play, while the

modern batsmen are almost exclusively back players.

The "old school" rammed forward hard, and if the timing were correct there was

enough power behind the stroke to

push the ball to the boundary.

In these days a forward stroke is a

rarity. The general practice is for

the batsman to step in front of his

stumps to a fast bowler exactly as

he would to a slow, and to place

himself in such a position that an

in-front-of-the-wicket stroke of any

power is almost impossible.

The reason given for the employment of

such tactics is that present-day

bowlers swerve so much that a for-

ward stroke has become suicidal.

Well, that may be true. If so, the condition of the pitch, no matter how heavily "doped," is not to blame. The wicket doesn't produce the swerve.

When all is said, however, about the peculiarities of modern bowling and the limitations of modern batting, actual or theoretical, there is little doubt that cricket would be better in health if top-dressing for pitches had not been invented. In that case cricket would have remained a more courageous game.

But, although many people urge the banning of the "dope," some of us have reluctantly realised that events have now shaped such a course that it will never be abolished, for wickets naturally prepared mean high-rising balls, nasty, naughty bumpers which threaten the ribs—if not the head. On natural wickets even good-length, fast balls often kick viciously, and batsmen for years past have been accustomed to gather their runs in such comfort that a ball which gets up a few inches above the stumps is regarded as a menace to limb—not to mention life.

Their technique is not designed to manage anything except tranquil bowling. If "dope" were banned the ball would fly high, and there would be loud protests. Cricketers who regard a bang on the hand as an outrage are not the people to accept natural wickets. A few "high kickers," and the conditions would be considered murderous, and out would come the artificial preparation again, even as it did in spite of the M.C.C.'s protest so many years ago.

It is sometimes said that artificial wickets killed fast bowling. What killed a possible revival of fast bowling was the county captains' "gentlemen's agreement." An outcome of it is that if a rising ball happens to hit a batsman, the bowler is at once told to "pitch them up." But a fast bowler without his bumper is handicapped as much as a slow bowler forbidden to use spin. Note that one of Lord Harris's complaints against artificial wickets was that on them the ball did not "bounce nearly as high." Most of the famous fast bowlers of what is known as "the golden age" made free use of the high-risers—rib-roasters, as they were called—and batsmen accepted them as part of the day's work. "I'm bruised all over," said Hayes, of Surrey, then a novice, to Tom Hayward after facing Woodcock for the first time. "Well, you aren't killed, are you?" said Hayward. "No! Then what are you moaning about?" Now a return to natural wickets would mean more bruises, and to-day a bruise is regarded as evidence of criminal assault by the bowler. I greatly fear that natural wickets are gone for ever.

HOCKEY FINANCES

"Deplorable, But Capable Of Improvement"

Our financial position is deplorable but capable of improving if more support is forthcoming from affiliated bodies" says the annual report of the Hongkong Hockey Association presented at the Annual Meeting last night at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Officers elected were—Mr. A. A. Dand, President; Capt. G. W. R. Klimm, Auditor; Comdr. C. Wauchope, Capt. Klimm and Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vice-Presidents; Mr. G. Palmer, treasurer; Mr. G. T. Palmer, secretary.

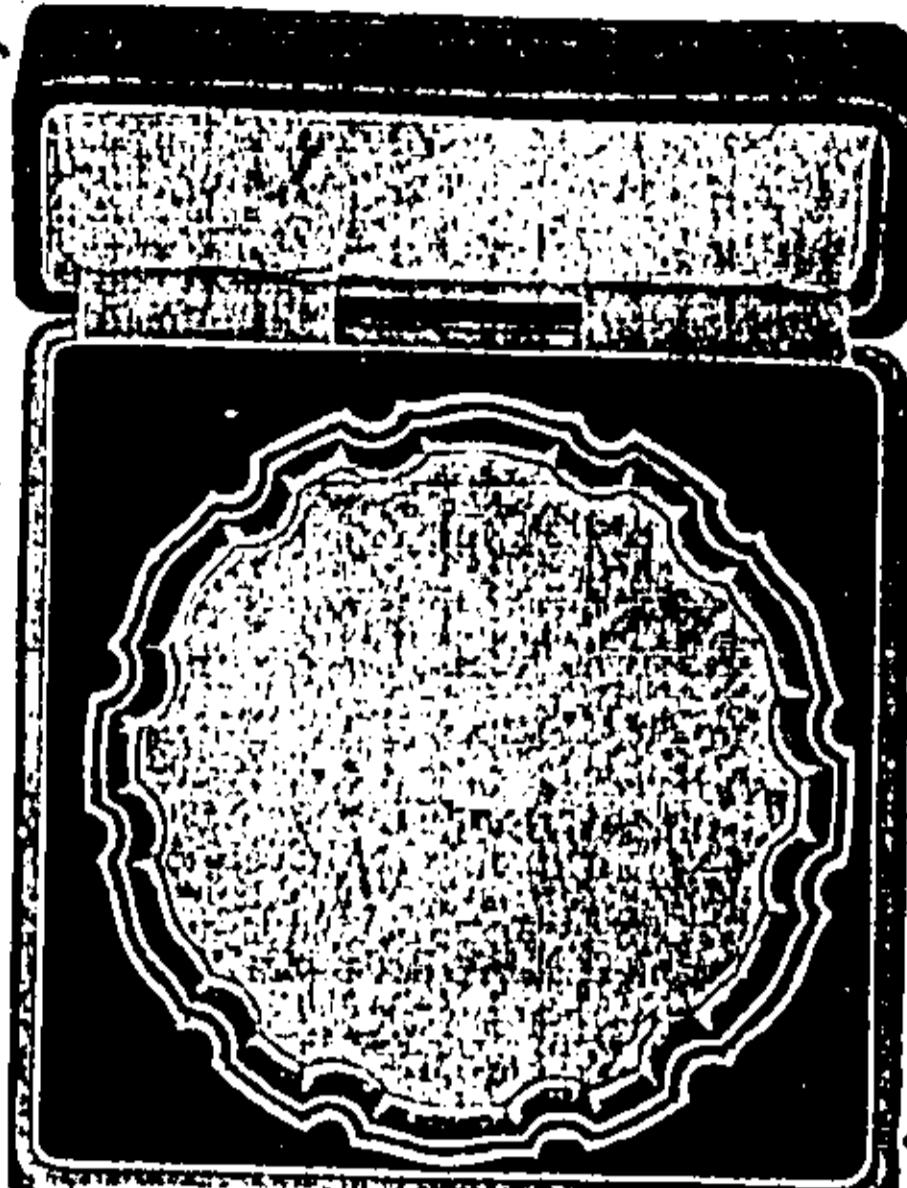
Capt. Klimm, Sub-Inspector L. Tyler, Lieut. W. G. Donald and Mr. Palmer were elected to a sub-committee to draft rules and amendments for the approval of the Council.

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FIGHTERS in the Spanish Skies

I HAVE fought for seven months in Spain as the commander of the Espana Air Squadron. I have fought at times as a pursuit pilot against German and Italian planes, Heinkels and Fiat, and also as leader of the formation of bombers I have poured explosives on many an enemy position.

I have faced the accurate and deadly fire of the German anti-aircraft guns.

In this article I am going to sum up the value, combativity and efficiency of all the forces present in the Spanish skies.

GERMANS

I shall start with the Germans. Everybody knows that the Germans are remarkable soldiers.

I am only thirty, I was too young to fight against them in 1914. But some of my older comrades, such as Henry Lacleche and Jean Dary, have experienced the courage of the Germans in the World War. I found this out for myself in Spain.

The Germans have a wonderful fighting spirit and a gripping tenacity. When you fight against a German you know for sure that one of the two antagonists will not come out of the battle alive.

The German flyer always holds on, he never gets glittery, even when his aeroplane has been severely damaged by well-placed machine gun fire.

As long as the pilot is not severely wounded, as long as the vital parts of the aeroplane are intact, he goes on fighting.

He looks for trouble. His machine gun fire is always accurate. As soon as his opponent weakens he brings him down. The Germans are experienced fighters.

Though our convictions and political opinions vary greatly, I am obliged to show my admiration for these marvellous pilots, these remarkable sharpshooters, these soldiers.

The Germans are real soldiers... I had the luck to bring down two German pursuit planes. However it is not the purpose of this article to tell you the story of these epic flights. I undoubtedly had lots of luck. My machine was filled with lead each time.

If I finally brought down my opponents, it is because my plane was better than the Heinkel. It climbed faster and was more manoeuvrable.

ITALIANS

They ran away at Caporetto, they ran away (those who were not killed) at the Guadalajara, but I must confess that their air-force is much more efficient than their infantry.

The Italian airmen are very good

To-day's Thought

I HAVE a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade...
And I to my pledged word am true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

—ALAN SEAGER.

by
ABEL GUIDEZ



The author is thirty years old. At the age of 18 he enlisted in the French military Air Force. He soon graduated as pursuit pilot. Later he left the Army and became a mail pilot.

When the Spanish war broke out he was called by ANDRE MALRAUX to take charge of the Espana Squadron. As commander-in-chief of the Squadron his courage won everybody's admiration. He brought down five enemy pursuit planes. Lately he has fought on the Bilbao front.

pilots. They are well trained, have many hours of flying time, and are well accustomed to the usual tactics of modern aerial warfare...

But something is undoubtedly wrong with them. Their nerves are not as strong as those of the Germans. When the fight goes on, their quality fades away. When their aeroplane is damaged by machine gun fire, their courage melts slowly, but surely.

Of course there are exceptions. Some Italian pilots fight to the end, but very few of them.

Usually, when the trailing bullets of our machine guns came pretty close to the Italian pilot, we did feel that we were going to conquer him. The man in the Fiat was becoming less and less aggressive.

We had to pull the throttle, we would start simultaneous bursts of our four machine guns. We would aim at the Italian, we would bring him down or force him out of the fight.

The Italian Fiat is a very good fighting machine, it is superior to the German Heinkel.

RUSSIANS

The Russian volunteers are without any doubt the most formidable pilots of the lot. We admit this, and not at all for propaganda purposes.

We worked on many occasions

with the Russians and we always admired their skill. That's why we can ascertain that they are the most redoubtable pilots of the Spanish sky.

Their technique, their natural gift for the most complicated acrobatics, the mathematical precision of their machine-gun fire, their extraordinary contempt for death, place them above all others.

A lone Russian pilot will carry without hesitating a fight against eight or more enemy pursuit planes. He will succumb, perhaps, but he will never give in.

I must admit that they are well helped by first-class material. The Russian aeroplanes are superior to all the types which have been sent to Spain, they are far more dangerous weapons than the Italian and the German machines.

Unfortunately, the Russians sent only very few aeroplanes, and those at the beginning of the war.

As a rule, one finds in Spain six Italian or German machines for one Russian plane. So it is only on account of the incredible quality of the pilots and of the machines, that the Russians can face, and often victoriously, the tremendous quantity of material that the Italians and Germans keep on pouring to Franco.

The Russians are exceptionally well-trained pilots.

At the age of 25 most Russian military pilots can boast of a fly-

Portsmouth Bombed—So What?

By Commander

RUSSELL GRENFELL

Portsmouth, July 22. WE have been bombed, from the sea and the air, off and on, for two nights and a day. We are now waiting for the umpires to tell us whether we are alive or dead.

If we are dead, we have at least this comfort—that in real warfare, the aircraft carrier Courageous, from which most of the attacks came, would probably have been sunk by our own defending aircraft on Wednesday evening.

But the loss of the Courageous would have brought the combined fleet and air exercises to an abrupt end. So the umpires let her stay afloat.

The exercise began in fine weather at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Blue forces might at that time have been anywhere up to 600 miles to the westward.

Within an hour Blue units had been sighted by Red flying boat patrols at points A and C on the map. Among the ships sighted was Courageous, one of the two aircraft carriers.

A concentration of attacking planes upon her was immediately organised.

The attack took place two to three hours later, and under war conditions there is not much doubt that five bomber squadrons would have put her under water.

By nightfall all Blue forces had been located, some at D and others at E, the latter including the carrier Furious.

Red aircraft had undoubtedly done well. During the night, ships

originally sighted at B evidently steamed eastward at high speed. Courageous was fired at by a submarine in position F about 12.30 a.m. At dawn she was operating off the Isle of Wight, and her aircraft were attacking Portsmouth. At the same time cruisers and destroyers bombarded the harbour and were engaged by the shore defences.

Night air attacks from Furious were also made on Falmouth and Portland.

Thursday brought a complex depression which moved up Channel from West to East.

Bad weather in its path severely limited air operations, but warships attacked Portsmouth, Portland, and Plymouth areas, and were engaged by shore batteries. These attacks were also continued during last night.

Of the two aircraft carriers, Courageous remained off the Isle of Wight and Furious off Cornwall.

As the day went on, the weather began to improve in the west, and certainly will want badly in a fleet action.

At 4.10 p.m. aircraft from Furious attacked Plymouth across the land.

They were followed back by Red far out shore-based aircraft who can keep up regular and efficient observation.

Later in the afternoon, better close proximity of the Blue Forces enabled a further air attack to be the flying boats' problem comparatively easily.

An interesting minor episode was the attack made on the Courageous by the flying boat which first sighted her, with the result that the flying boat was adjudged to have been shot down.

It is an accepted principle in naval warfare that the first duty of a scouting vessel which sights the enemy is to retain contact, and not risk losing touch by indulging in a fight.

It may also involve keeping ships

afloat that would in war have been demolished two or three times over.

All Fleet exercises of this nature have to be a mixture of artificiality and realism. The only way to test defences is to attack them, and to take risks which would not be taken in war.

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is therefore need to make allowances for what is necessarily unreal.

The immunity of the Courageous from air attacks is an example.

On the other hand, the immediate concentration that was ordered against her the moment she was sighted indicates what is likely to be in store for carriers which venture within the range of hostile coastal aircraft.

For this reason, it seems a pity that the Blue Fleet was brought to within 50 miles of the Red Coast before the exercise started. A carrier which is sending her aircraft to bomb a land objective will hardly venture any closer inshore than she has to.

The possible loss of the Courageous did not matter in this exercise because the opposing navy was insignificant. But it would matter a lot if the enemy had a strong navy.

In such cases admirals are likely to be very wary of hazarding on const.

It is also important to know how aircraft which attacked and claim up regular and efficient observation

can wholly supplant the warship, patrol over the sea. As it was the case with the Blue Fleet, the better close proximity of the Blue Forces enabled a further air attack to be the flying boats' problem comparatively easily.

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**HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE**



MADRID THE OBJECTIVE—Fierce fighting hitherto unequalled in Spain's already bloody civil war, has developed as the insurgents throw wave after wave of men and war machines into an effort to capture the capital city of Madrid. This recent picture shows conditions there. A direct hit by an artillery shell has been scored on the Piccadilly Bar, smoke still drifting away.

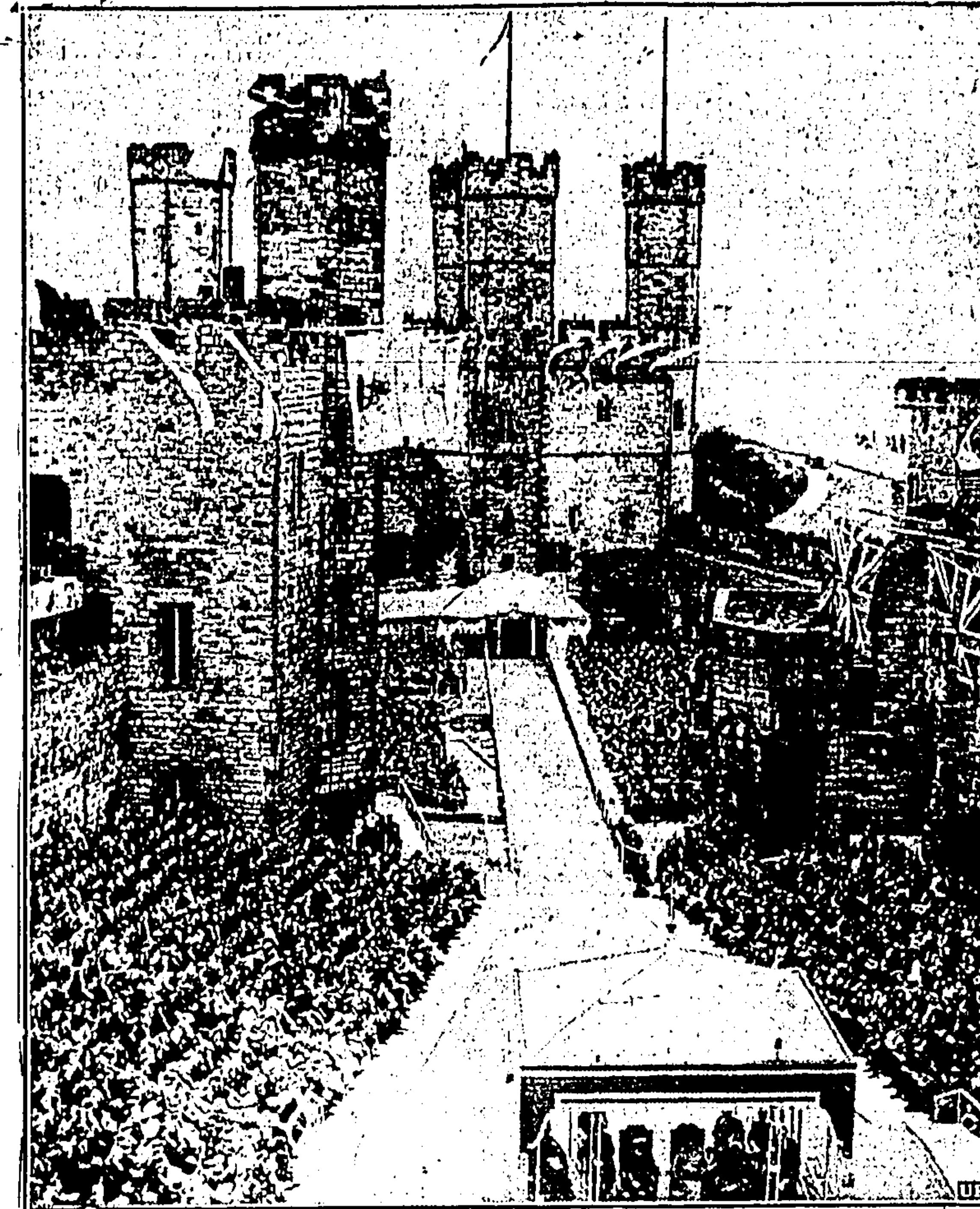


"I WANT A DIVORCE"—Mrs. Eleanor Holm Jarrett, swimming star barred from the last Olympics, said in Cleveland that she had discussed a divorce with her orchestra leader husband, Arthur Jarrett. Mrs. Jarrett is starring at the Great Lakes Exposition aquapade, while her husband is appearing at the Dallas Exposition in Texas. She said she hadn't seen him for 14 weeks.



DENIED CHILD STAR'S CONTROL—Miss Myllicent Bartholomew was praled by the judge in a Los Angeles court for caring for her nephew, Freddie, 13-year-old film star, but her petition for full control of his \$20,000 estate was denied. The judge believed a local trust company was a better agent. Miss Bartholomew and her famed nephew are shown at the hearing.

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WELSHMEN SING FOR SOVEREIGNS—Welsh people, famed for their singing, got together a choir of 800 when King George and Queen Elizabeth visited ancient Carnarvon Castle at Carnarvon, Wales. Here is the scene, with the royal couple under the canopy in foreground. The canopy stood on the spot where, legend says, the first Prince of Wales was shown to the chieftains.



HEALTH—Exhibiting their healthy bodies, here is a close-up of athletes from the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, one of the Soviet Union states, marching in the physical culture parade in Red Square, Moscow. The parade marked the 20th anniversary of the proletarian revolution and adoption of the Stalin Constitution. More than 100,000 men and women marched.

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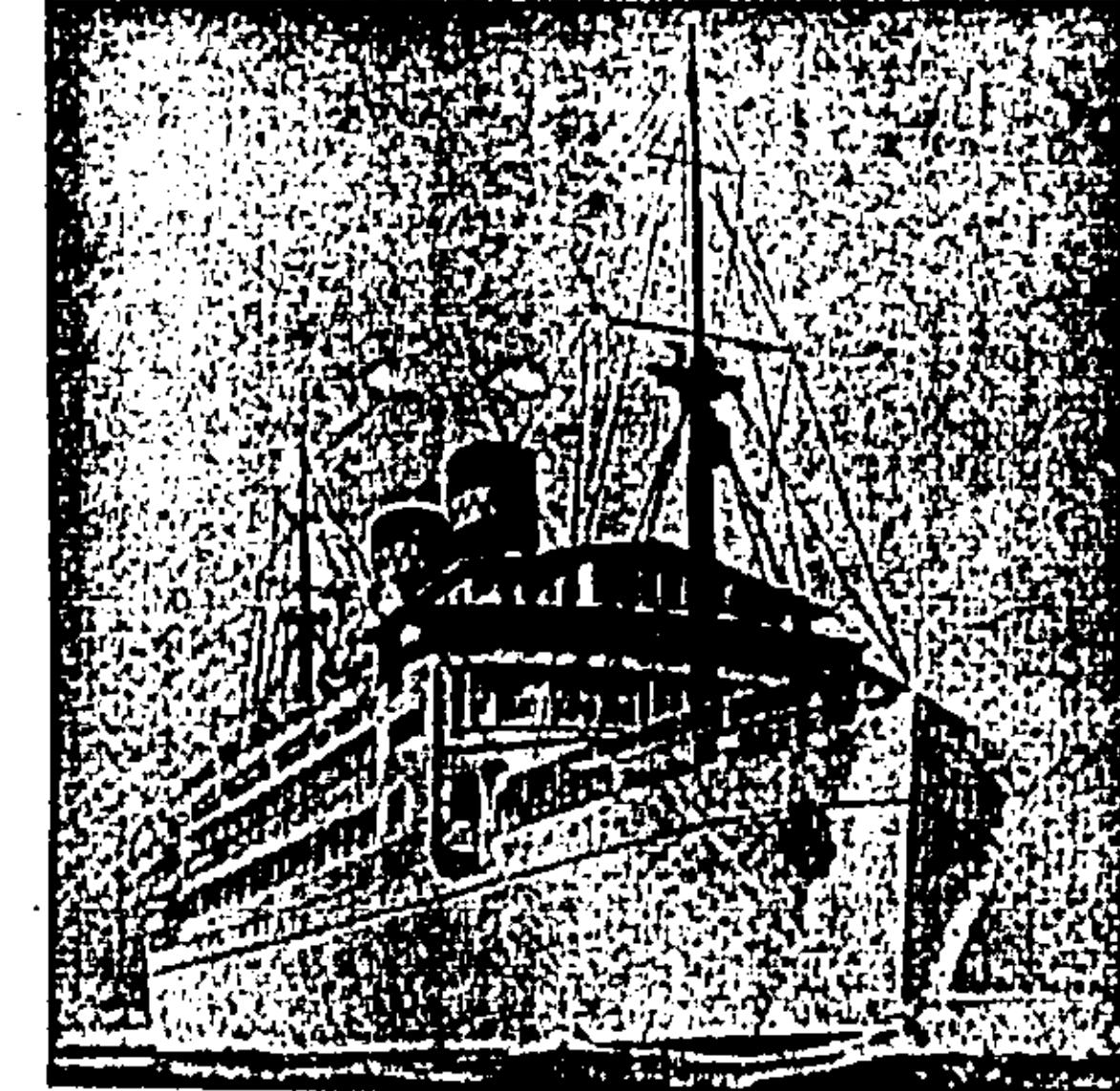
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BRIBERY CASE RESUMED EVIDENCE OF OFFER OF MONEY

Evidence by two Chinese Revenue Officers, witnesses for the prosecution, was given this morning at the Central Magistracy in the continuation of the case against Harry Richard Major, 34, revenue officer, before Mr. W. Schotfeld. Major is charged on two counts of bribery, namely, (a) accepting \$200 from Li Yee on board the steamer Wo Ping-Yee on June 23, with a view of inclining him, contrary to his duties, to omit to seize, remove or detain certain unmanifested cargoes, that was to say, wolfram ore, and (b) accepting \$40 from Ilo Wing on board the steamer Fatahui on July 10 to the same view.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. M. J. Abbott, is appearing for the prosecution, while Mr. D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, represents defendant, who is on bail of \$500. The case is for commitment to the Sessions.

Mr. Abbott, before taking evidence, stated that at the opening of the case he had suggested that Lee Yee, the man who gave the bribe, was the man named Lee Pun from whom Messrs. Bodker and Co., Ltd., had bought the wolfram ore. Lee Yee actually sold the ore but he then gave the name of his master.

Mak Hon, C.R.O., stated that at 5.30 p.m. on June 26, together with C.R.O.'s 70, 80, 91, 110 and defendant, they searched the steamer Wo Ping-Yee which had just arrived in Hongkong. Witness had occasion to go to the compradore's office and there saw defendant and C.R.O.'s 70, 91, and 110 and a man of the compradore staff. Defendant was holding a manifest in his hand. Witness recognized it as a manifest by the custom's "shop." Defendant pointed to another paper which was lying on the desk and said that it was false.

REQUEST FOR MONEY

Witness took the cargo book from off the table and looked for an entry relating to wolfram ore, having previously learned from C.R.O. 70 that some wolfram ore had been found. Witness then told defendant that there was no entry in the cargo book regarding the ore. The man of the compradore's staff then said to all in general, "Give some tens of dollars to you and the Inspector for tea money." ("Let some tens of dollars be given to you and the Inspector for tea money"). Defendant then said "Two hundred" in English and repeated it in Chinese. Witness then left the room.

Later in the day C.R.O. 80 met witness in the Wing On Company and handed him \$5 which he said was in connection with the business on board the Wo Ping.

Lo Ngan, No. 1 coolie on board, gave evidence relating to the finding of the ore, following which C.R.O. 70, Lee Wing-yu, corroborated first witness's evidence.

The case is proceeding.

BUDDHIST PATRIARCH PASSES

Bangkok, Aug. 26. The death of the Prince Patriarch Junivara, head of the Buddhist Church of Siam, is announced today.—Reuter.

U.S. Selling War Planes To Chinese Twenty Bellancas On The Way

Neutrality Bill Called "A" Joke

New York, Aug. 25. Twenty Bellanca aeroplanes, designed for either military or civil use, are being shipped to China aboard the motor ship Wichita, it is announced to-day.

These are the same planes previously reported sold to Air France, the purchase of which that company has since disavowed, following reports that they were destined for the Spanish Loyalists. They are single-engined monoplanes, with a top speed of 280 miles per hour.

Later. Nineteen Bellanca monoplanes have been actually shipped aboard the Wichita for China. The twentieth is

ECHO OF PLANE DISASTER

On Tuesday at 9 p.m. the body of a European was picked up off Chilling Point and brought to Kowloon, where it was removed to the public mortuary. The body has been identified as that of G. Ortsberger, the Russian co-pilot of the C.N.A.C. plane which crashed on August 7. The funeral will pass monument at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

reported to be held in the United States pending the fitting of bomb racks and five machine-guns.

It is understood that the remaining planes will be fitted similarly in China with the aid of blueprints.—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY BILL

Boston, Aug. 25. "The Neutrality Bill will undoubtedly have to be revised and amended at the next session of Congress," declared Senator Burke in an interview here to-day.

He asserted that the present legislation amounts to no more than a joke because of modern undeclared warfare.—Reuter.

MORE BEING BUILT

New York, Aug. 25. It is revealed to-day that twenty low-winged, 2,400-pound single-motored Bellanca planes, capable of 280 miles per hour, have been shipped to China and that more are to be built, for the same market, presumably.—United Press.

BETTER AIRMEN

Jersey City, Aug. 25. Following a trip to the Far East, the Curtis-Wright representative, Mr. George Warren, said that although the Japanese military planes outnumber the Chinese, the latter possessed more skillful individual pilots.—United Press.

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DEVELOPING BIG HARBOUR IN CAPETOWN

Capetown, Aug. 25. A £2,000,000 contract is being let by the South African Government for the proposed development of the Table Bay harbour.

The project includes the reclaiming of 200 acres which will be added to Capetown.

Tenders will be called in Britain, Capetown and Johannesburg.—Reuter.

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